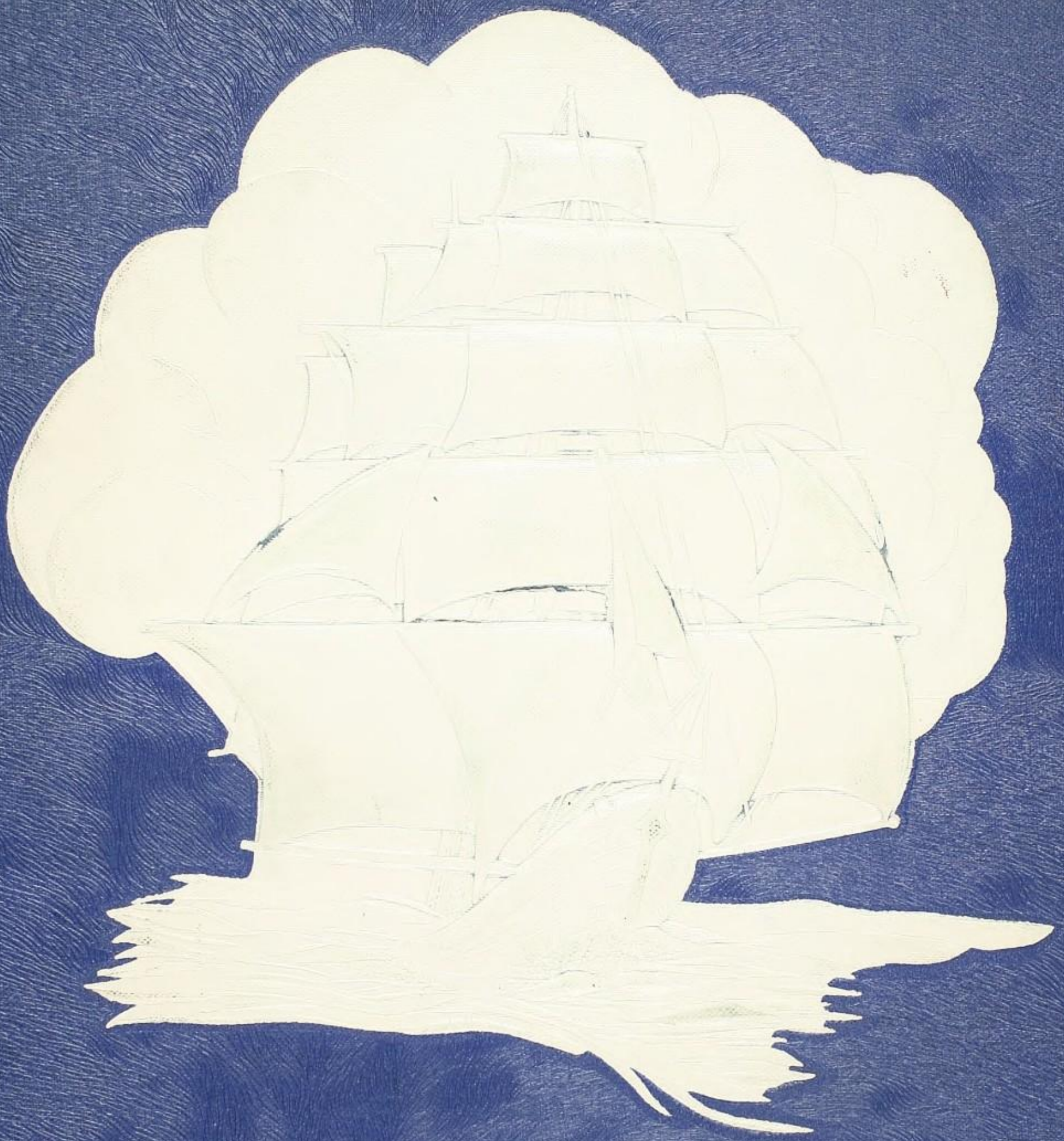

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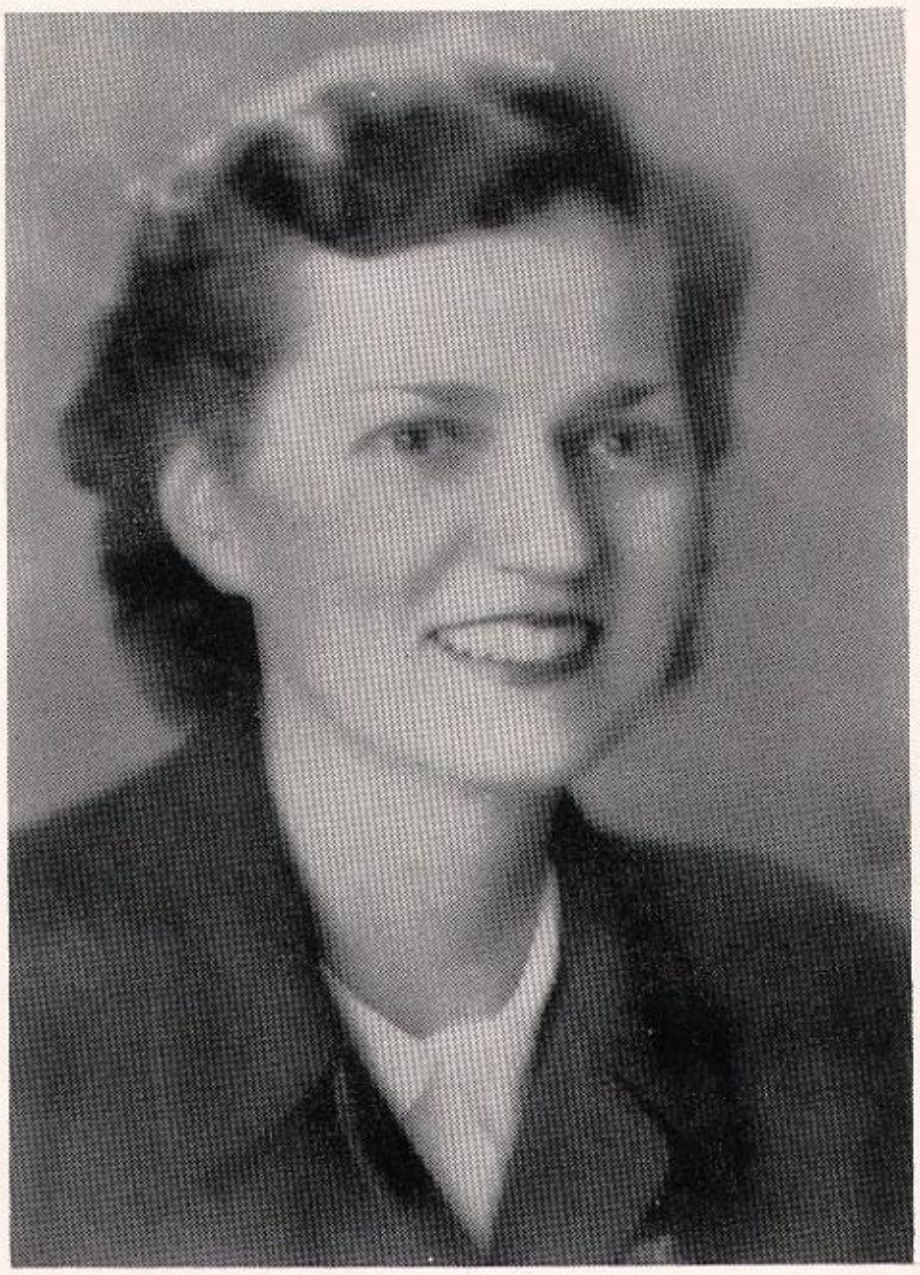


THIS BOOK is dedicated by our class to
MISS GRACE CALDWELL
in appreciation for twenty-five years of
unfailing devotion to her pupils.

Foreword

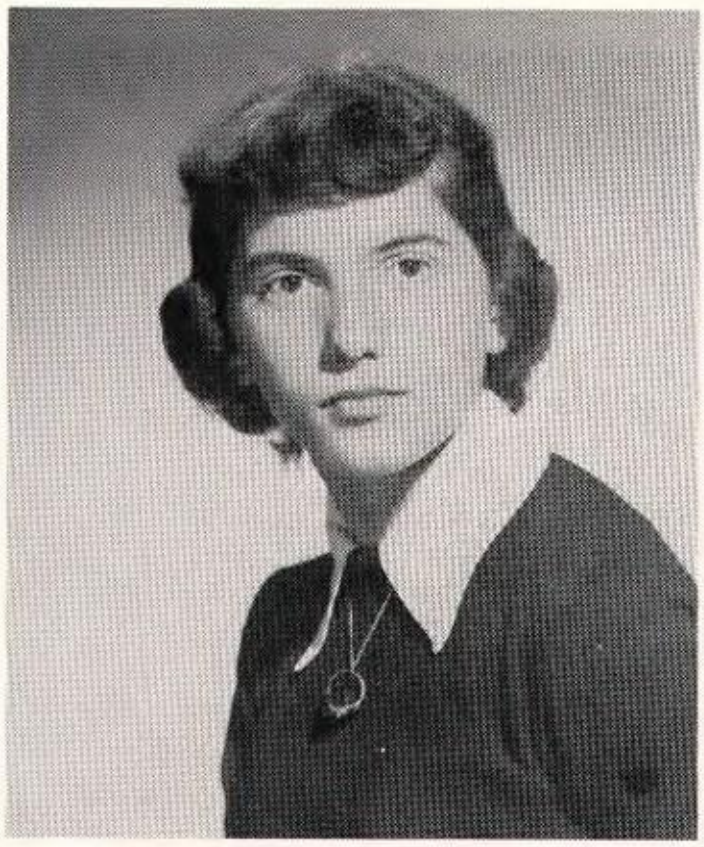
We graduate this year with neither tears in our eyes nor smiles upon our faces, but rather with an emotion that is seemingly hard to explain. An emotion which is unique in that it inevitably appears when there is a conflict between sorrow and joy. We stand midway on the bridge of life, our past behind us, the future ahead, and we become momentarily reluctant to dissolve the ties of our youth in order to assume the responsibilities of maturity.

Age and wisdom are the backbone of our country, but youth is its life and future. The fate of the nation lies in our hands, and it is an enormous trust, not a toy to be taken up or discarded at our leisure. To insure security in the future, youth must follow, step by step, the path which wisdom indicates and not rush headlong toward disaster.

Let us fervently hope that we are able to maintain the foresight instilled in us. If this be possible, we shall have attained a future unmarred by failure, and we may look ahead, confident of success.

JUTSON MEININGER

Seniors



Veronica Abitante

"Ronnie"

"And cut the fiercest quarrel short
with patience and kindness."

Louis Amoruso

"Lou"

"So to be a patriot as not to forget
I am a gentleman."

Arthur Arcand

"Art"

"Nothing succeeds like success"

Lucille Baratta

"Lucy"

"So nimble and so full of subtle flame."

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Thomas Bartone

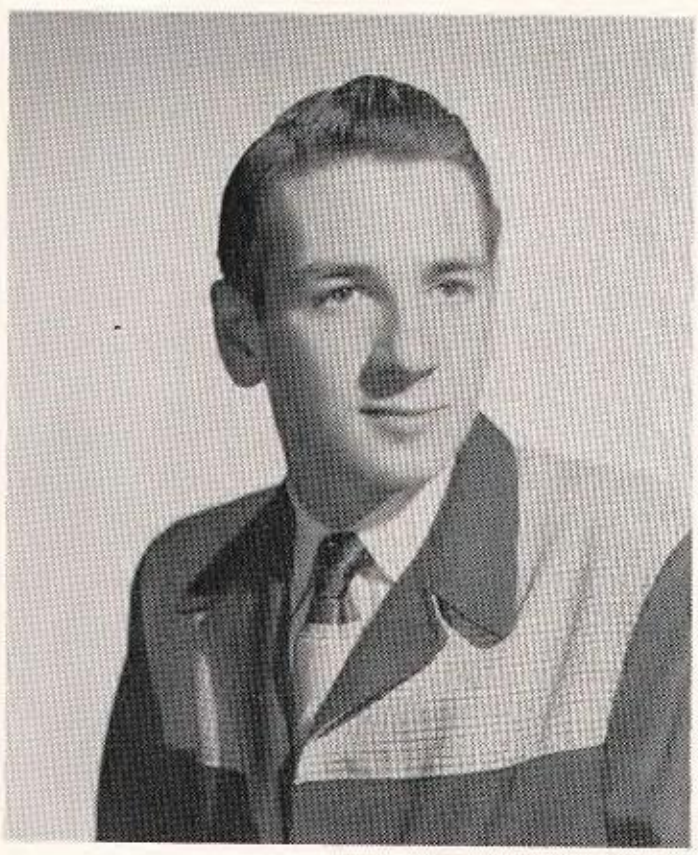
"Tommy"

"Read, learn, and inwardly digest."

Hildegarde Baumeister

"Hilda"

"Of a good beginning cometh a good end."



John Beck

"Jack"

"He hath a taming hand."

Lynne Boschen

"Lynne"

"Good to be merry and wise."

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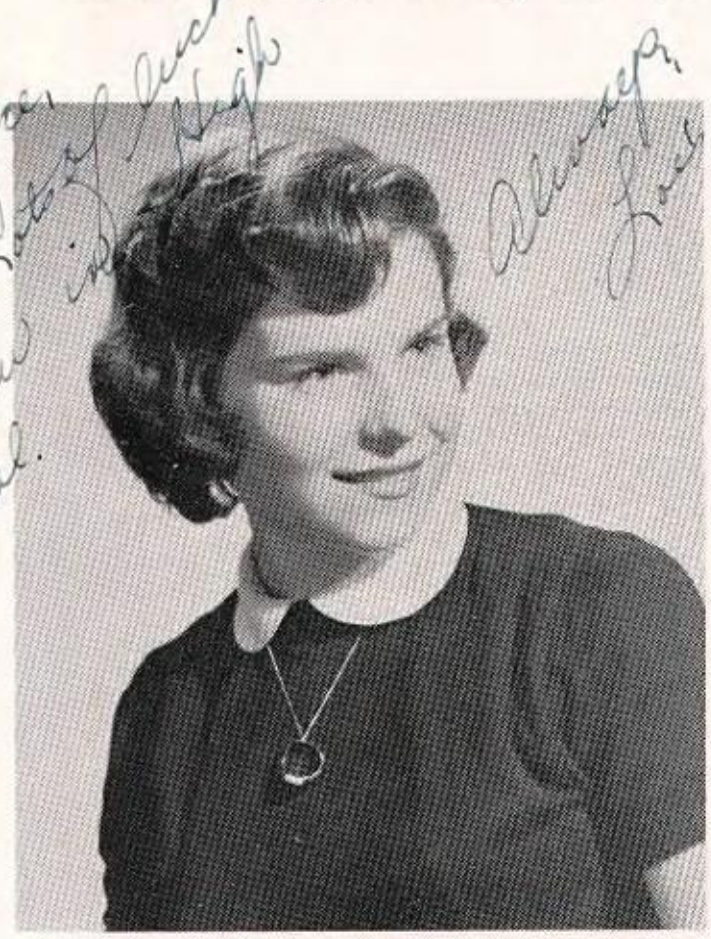
Patricia Bowman

"Pat"

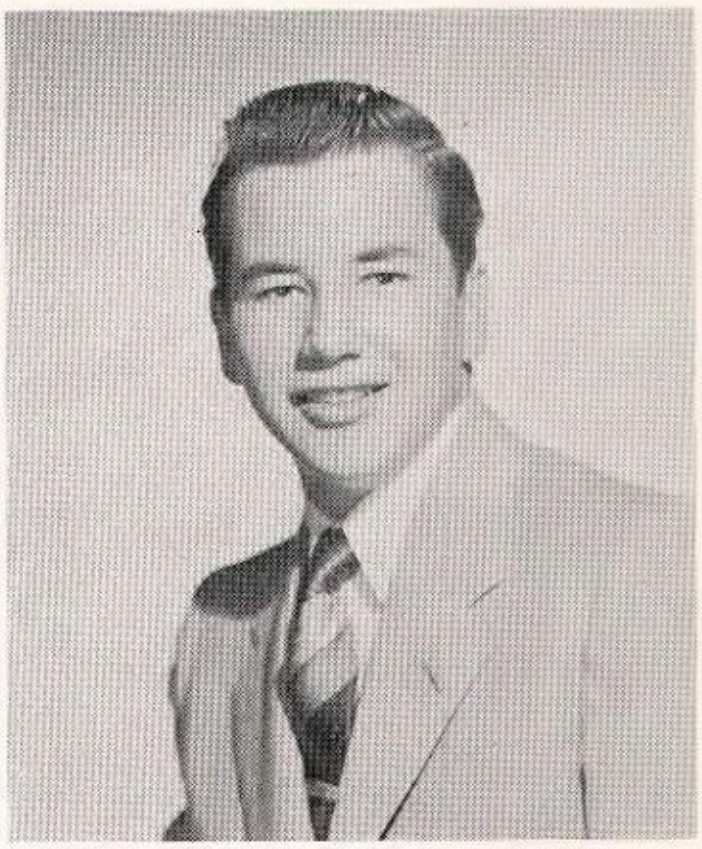
"A smile on her lips, and courage in her eye."



Lois Breeze

"Lo"

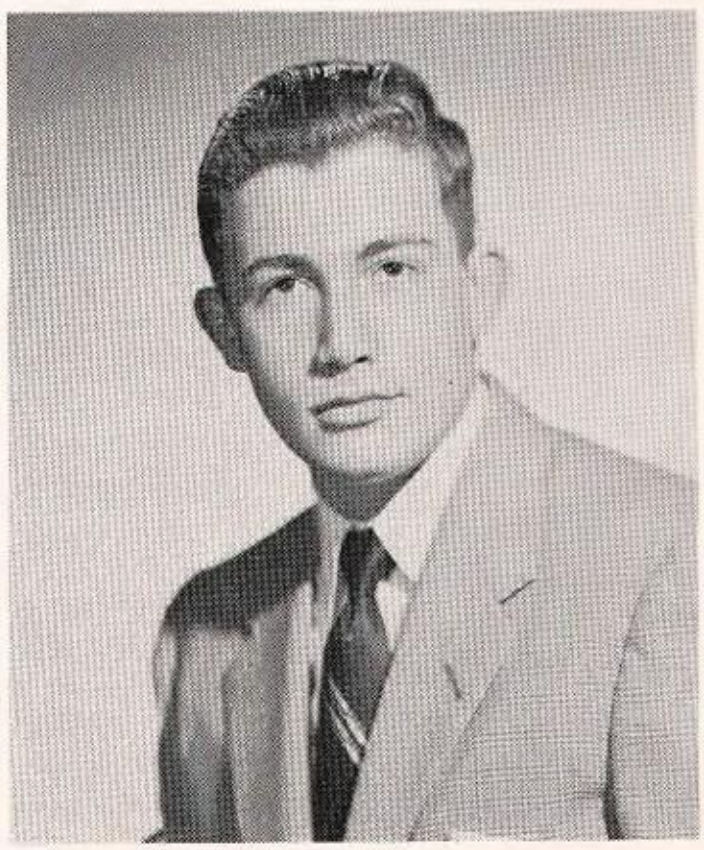
"Though she be but little, she is fierce."



James Bradarvelt

"Jim"

"Perseverance is more than violence."



Michael Briefer

"Mike"

"I would rather be right than be President."

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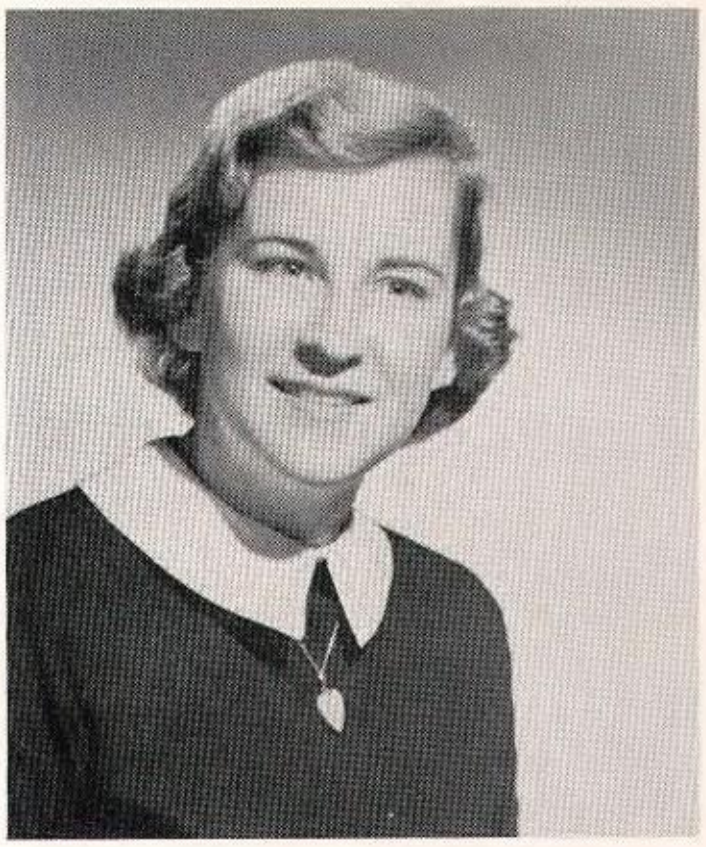
Theodore Bulson

"Teddy"

"On his tongue is the law of kindness."



Nancy Cant

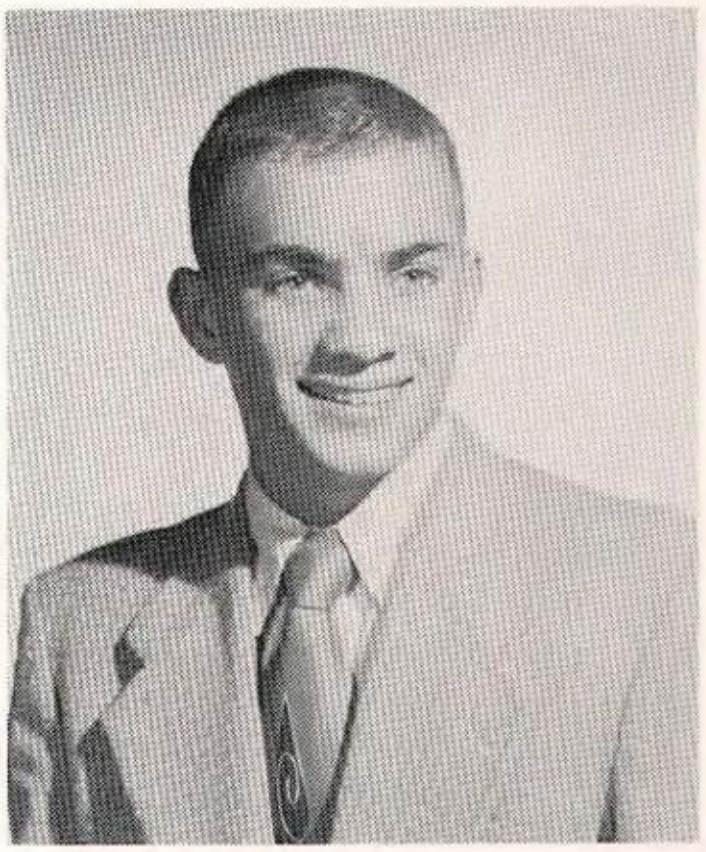
"Nan"

"It takes life to love life."

Joan Crawford

"Crawfie"

"A penny for your thought."



David Curtis

"Kurt"

"Much learning doth make thee mad."

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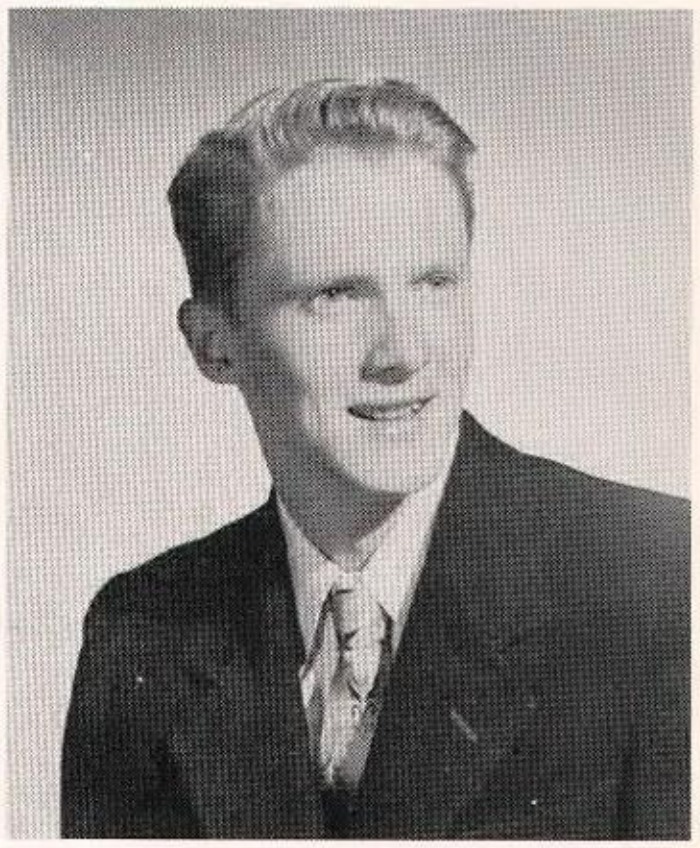
Pascale D'Errico

"Pat"

"Wisdom is better than rubies."



John Fallon

"John"

"Silence is deep as Eternity,
speech is shallow as time."

Dolores Faul

"Dee"

"A good mind possesses a kingdom."

Janet Fenton

"Jan"

"Obliging and cheerful, industrious and kind."

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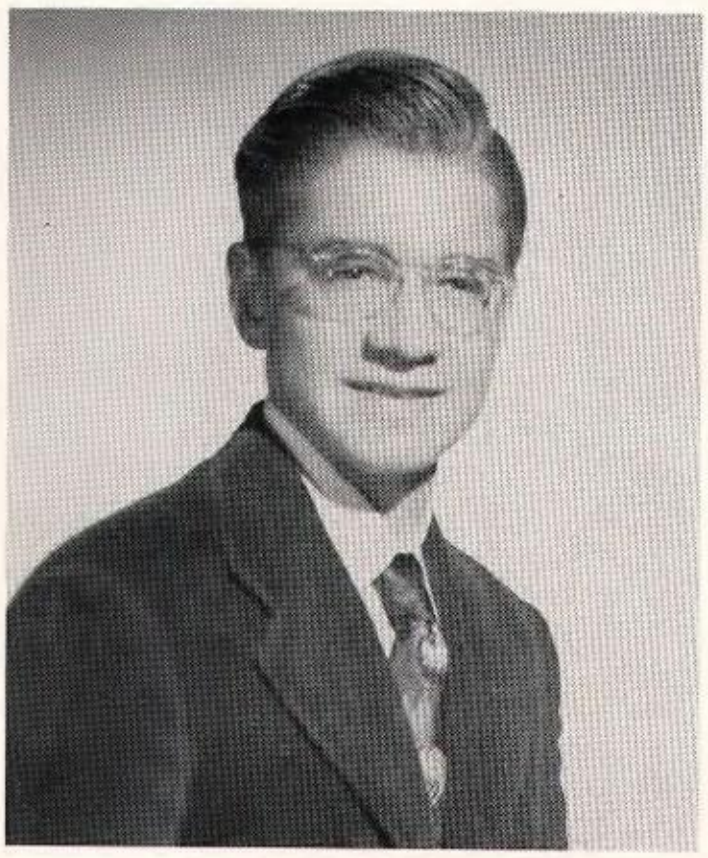

Lawrence Ferrari

"Larry"

"Will and Intellect are one and the same thing."

Lawrence Fromkin

"Larry"

"He seems the part of wisdom."

Ruth Gemon

"Ruthie"

"The very pink of perfection."

Richard Gillis

"Richie"

"Calm, cool, and collected."

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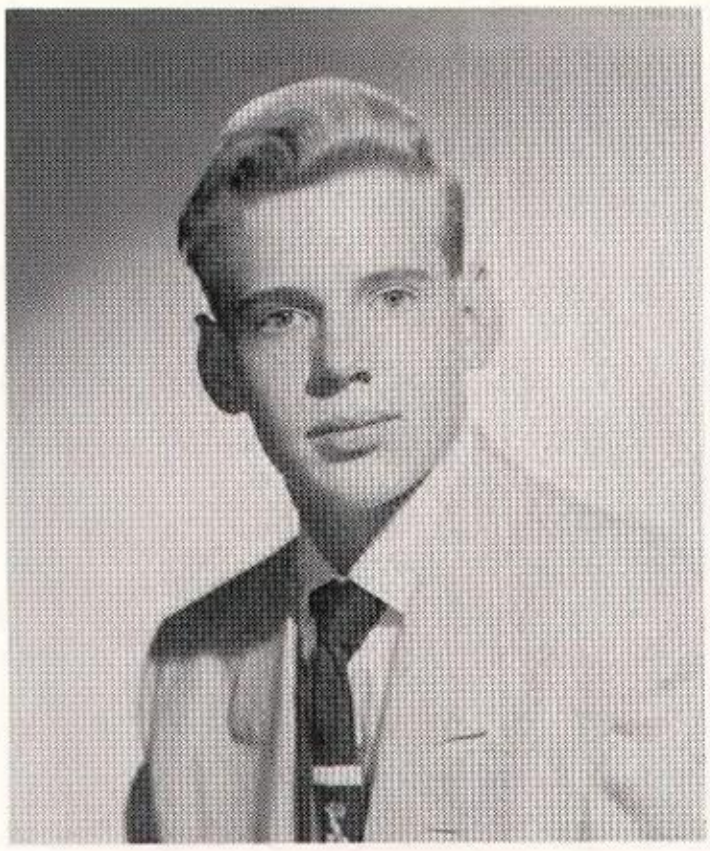


Kenneth Gimelli

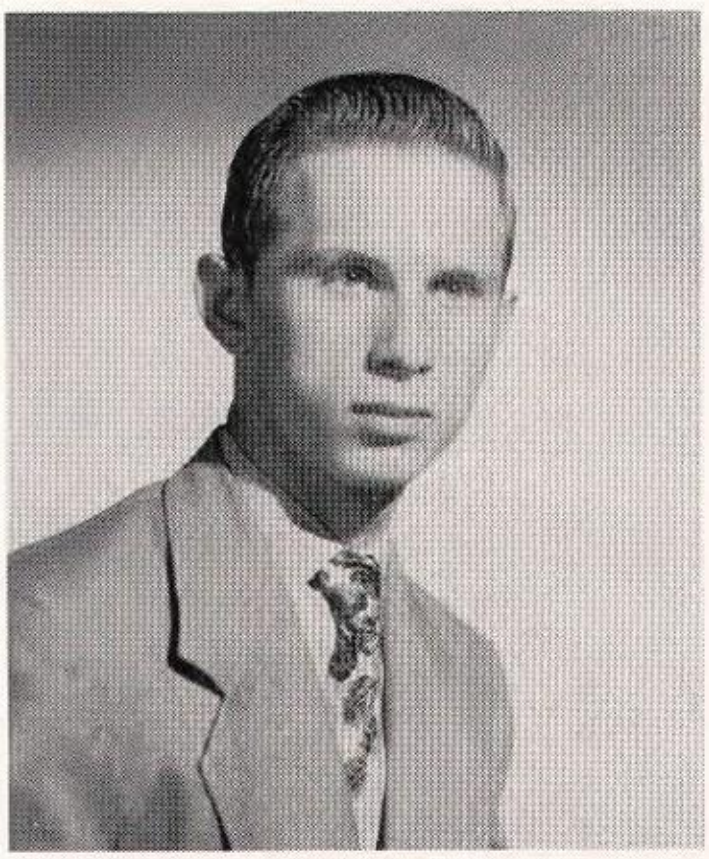
"Ken"

"Cigarettes and whiskey and
wild, wild women!"

Jean Hayden

"Jean"

"Large are her gains, and her soul sincere."



Harold Hiller

"Doc"

"The monuments of wit survive
the monuments of power."

Ann Holzworth

"Holzy"

"Whatever you do, do wisely,
and think of the consequences."

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Jeanette Hurtak

"Jeanette"

"I know nothing of tomorrow; my business is to be good and happy today."

Fay Jones

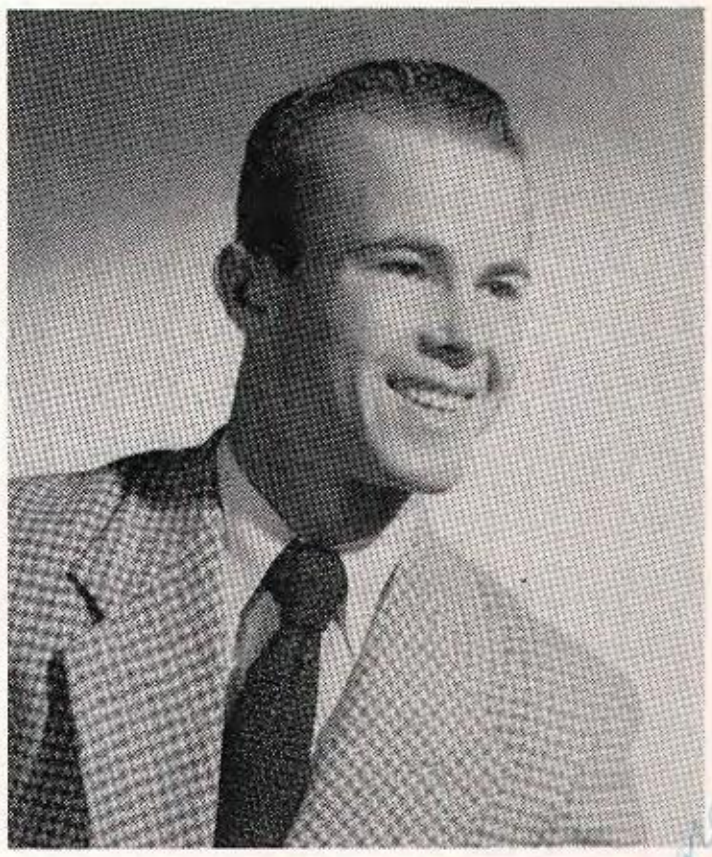
"Fay"

"Liberty of thought is the life of the soul."

Joanne Incardone

"Jo"

"A fairer lady there never was seen."



Stephen Kalinger

"Steve"

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Seniors

Stephen Ladas

"Steve"

"Wine, Women, and Song."

Patricia Lorden

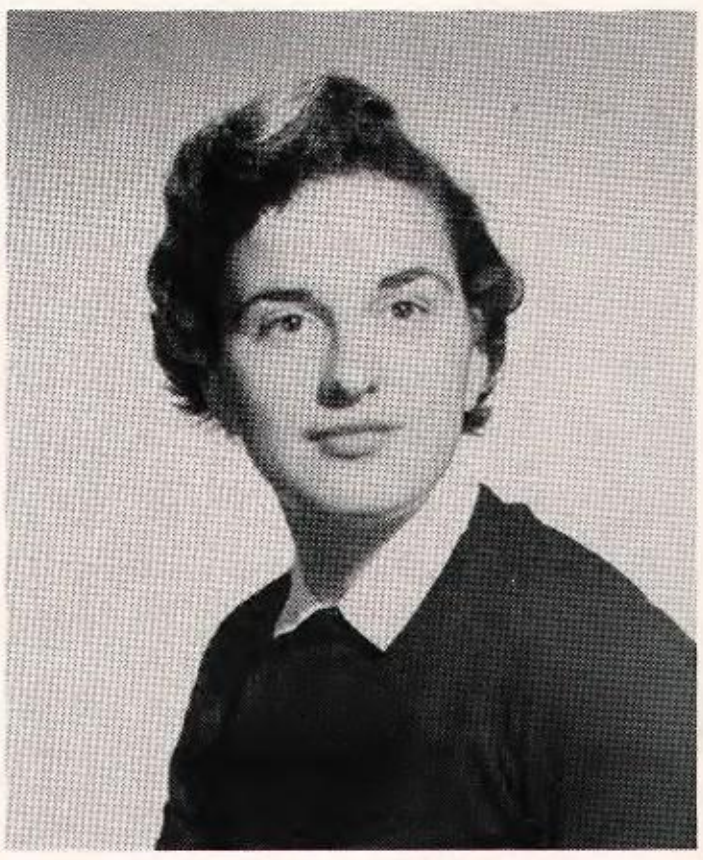
"Pat"

"Gentle and quiet, an excellent thing in woman."

Alan MacKay

"Al"

"Philosophy is the microscope of thought."



Lena Marrafioti

"Lee"

"The fundamental fault of the female character is that it has no sense of justice."

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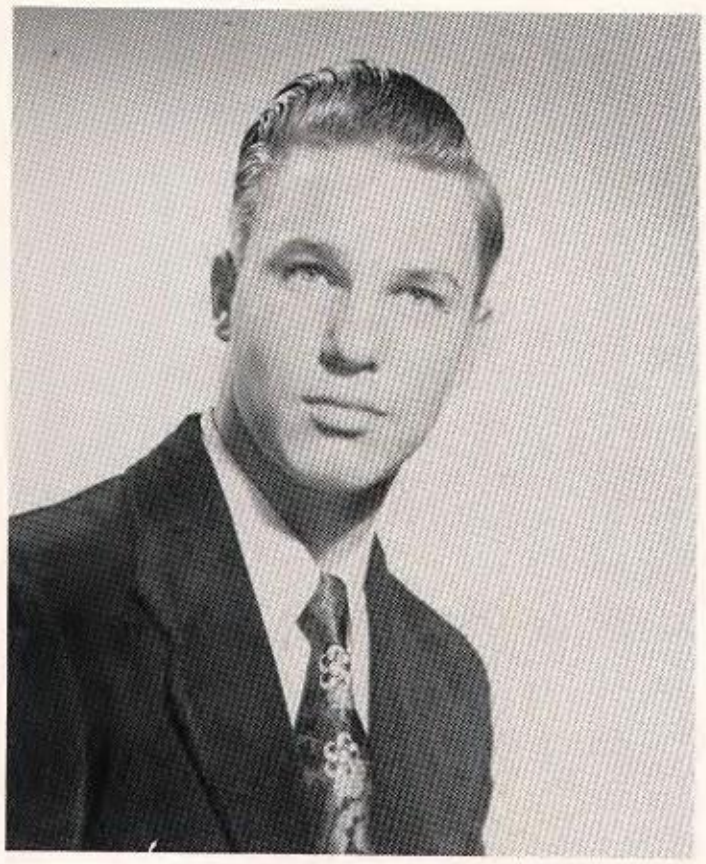
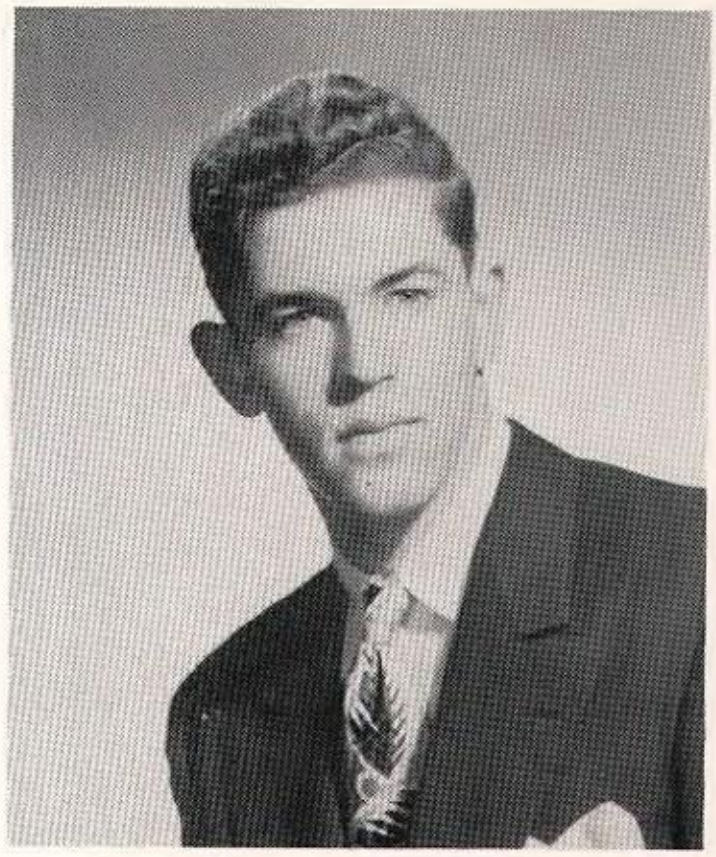


Jutson Meininger

"Jut"

"He thinks like a philosopher and
acts like a king."



Gary Randall

"Ears"

"The past unsigned for and the future sure."

David Robinson

"Willy"

"Strongest minds are often those of whom
the noisy world hears least."

Joan Roland

"Joannie"

"And more than wisdom, more than wealth—
a merry heart that laughs at care."

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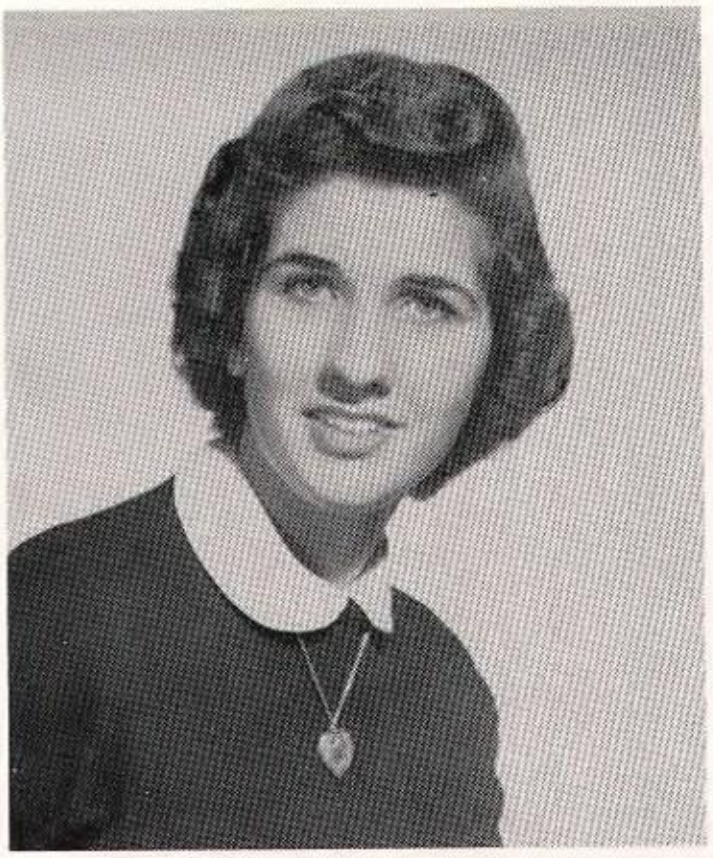
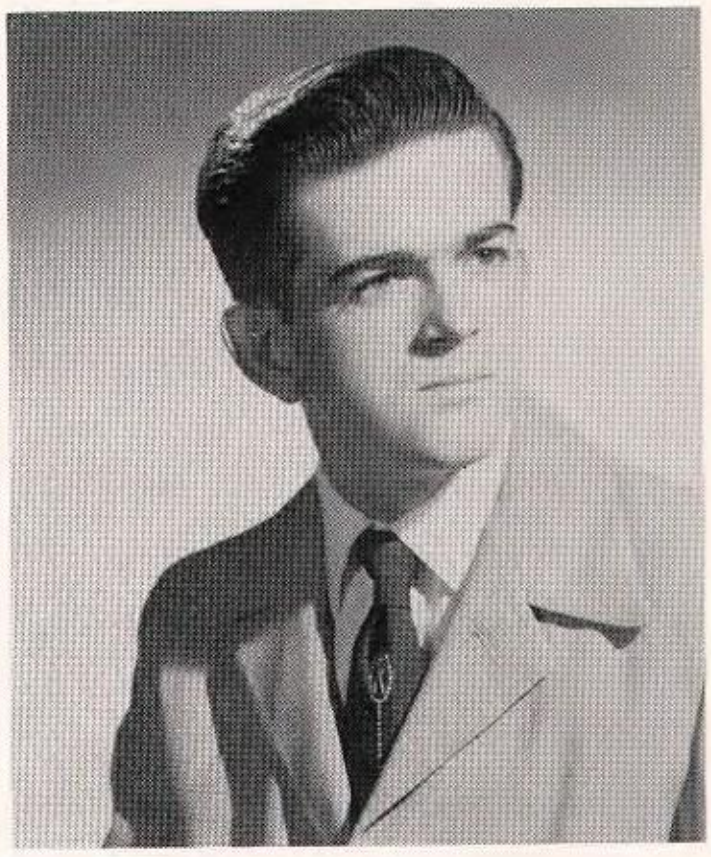


Doris Romano

"Dor"

"A friend to one, a friend to all."



Frank Roth

"Frankie"

"Quiet and likable."

Elaine Rowe

"E"

"Her eye is bright, a well of love,
a spring of light."

Ellen Ruggeri

"Nelle"

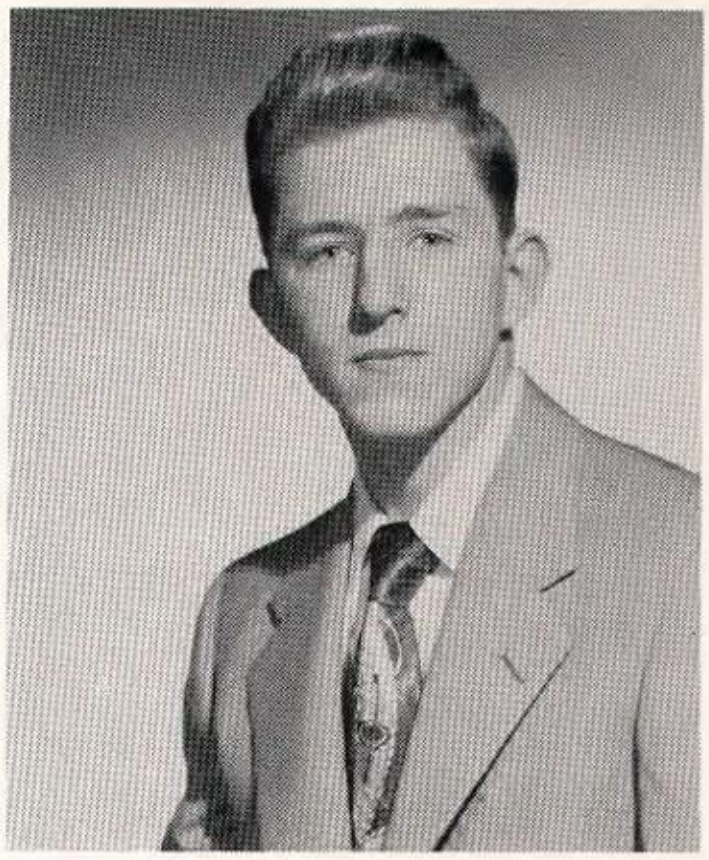
"In virtues nothing earthly can surpass her."

Dear Joyce,
Have fun in
school this
year. Keep in
touch. Love
Carol
1954

Carol Schmitt

"Dagmar"

"Great beauty, melancholy grace, brought from a pensive though happy place."



Donald Schmitt

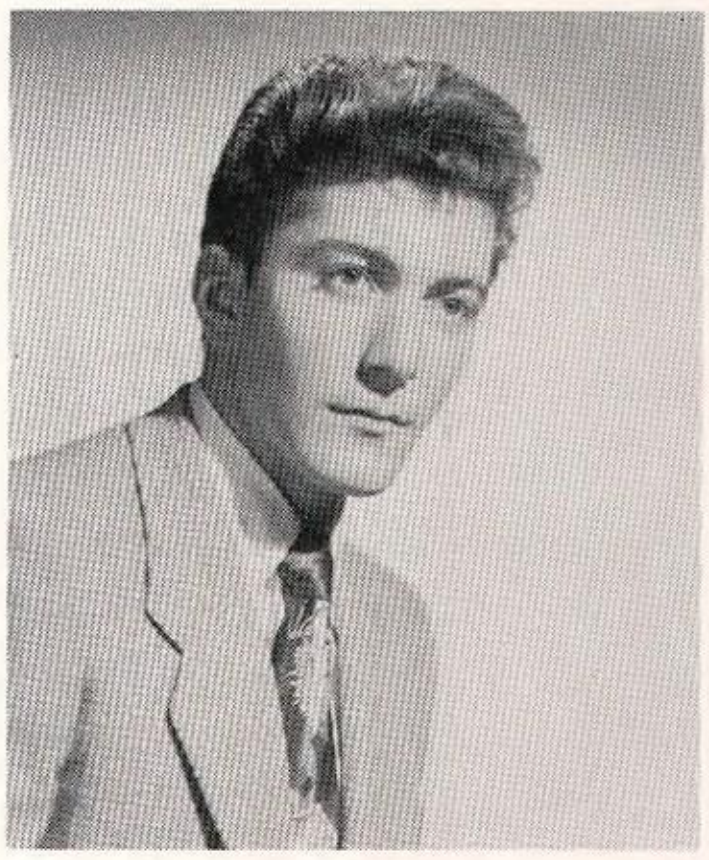
"Don"

"Words are but the shadows of actions."

Carol Schwerdtfeger

"Schwartz"

"All for one, one for all, that is my device."

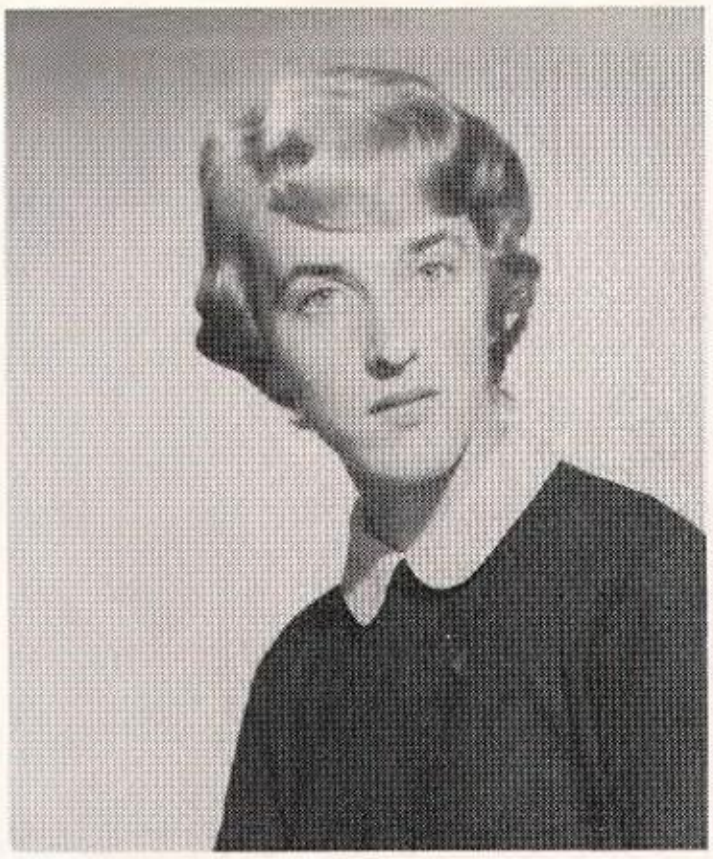


Ronald Sessa

"Sam"

"Dancing, flirting, and skimming along."

Seniors



Sally Smith

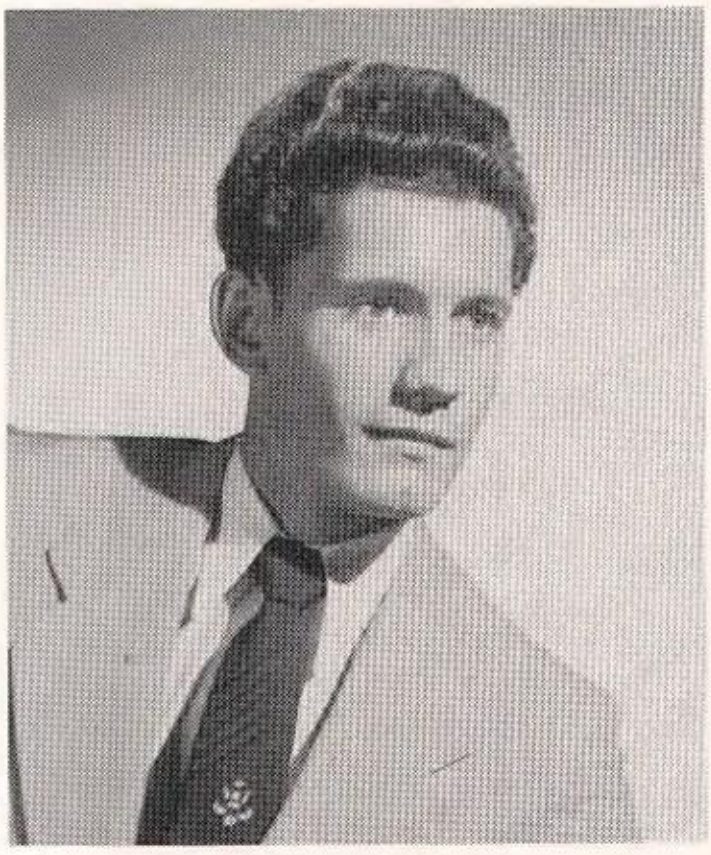
"Sally Mae"

"It may be said that her wit shines
at the expense of her memory."

Kathleen Sylvester

"Kay"

"Sugar and spice and all things nice."



Lawrence Uher

"Larry"

"I agree with no man's opinion.
I have some of my own."

Marlene Vogel

"Mar"

"Tranquillity is a better name than
all the family of fame."

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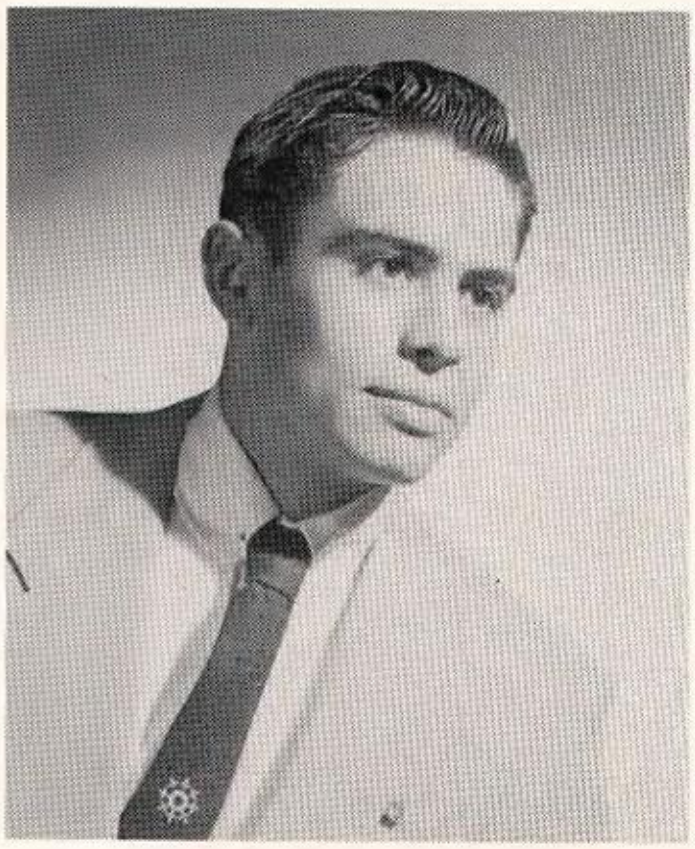
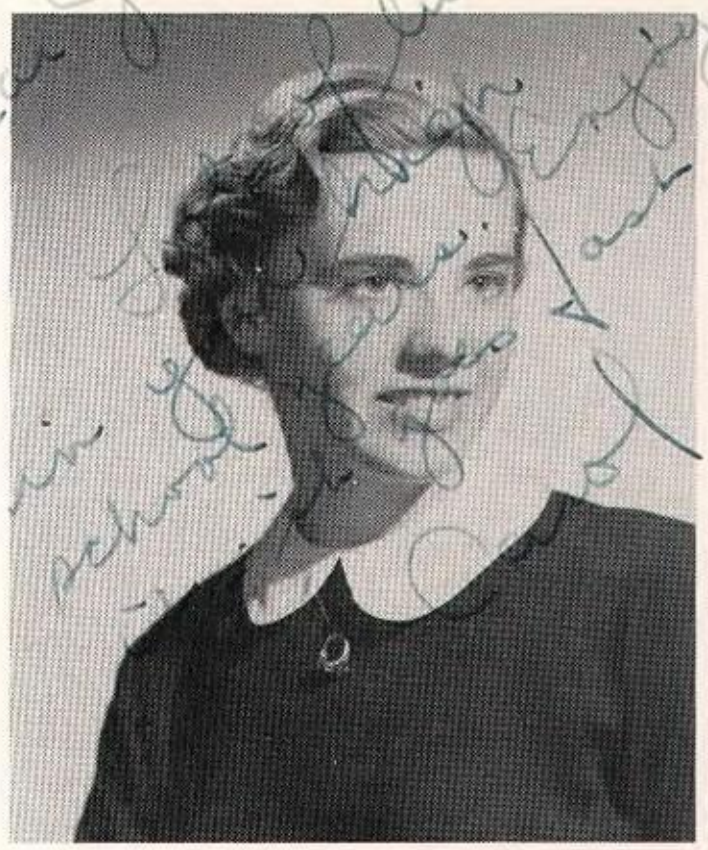


Robert Wardell

"Bob"

"His only fault is that he has no fault."



Carol Wickersty

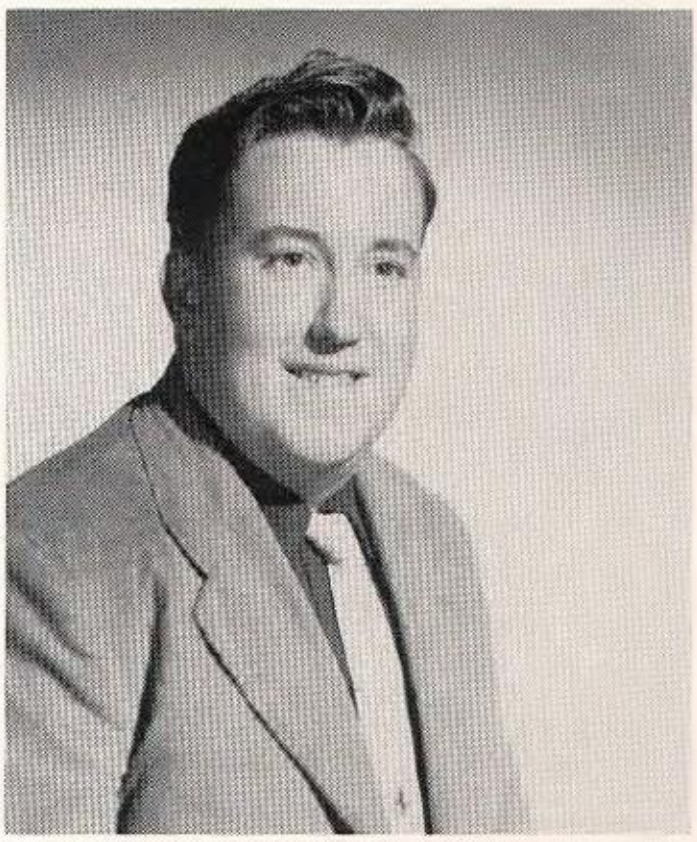
"Wick"

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

Janet Williams

"Jan"

"A wise and happy heart."



Lawrence Wirth

"Yogi"

"He doeth the little kindnesses
which most leave undone."

Marion Wirth

"Mar"

"Knowledge is proud that she has learned so much."

Anita Wolfsohn

"Nita"

"Plain living and high thinking."

Beverly Yankowski

"Bevy"

"Neat and pleasing to the eye."

Margaret Zornik

"Margie"

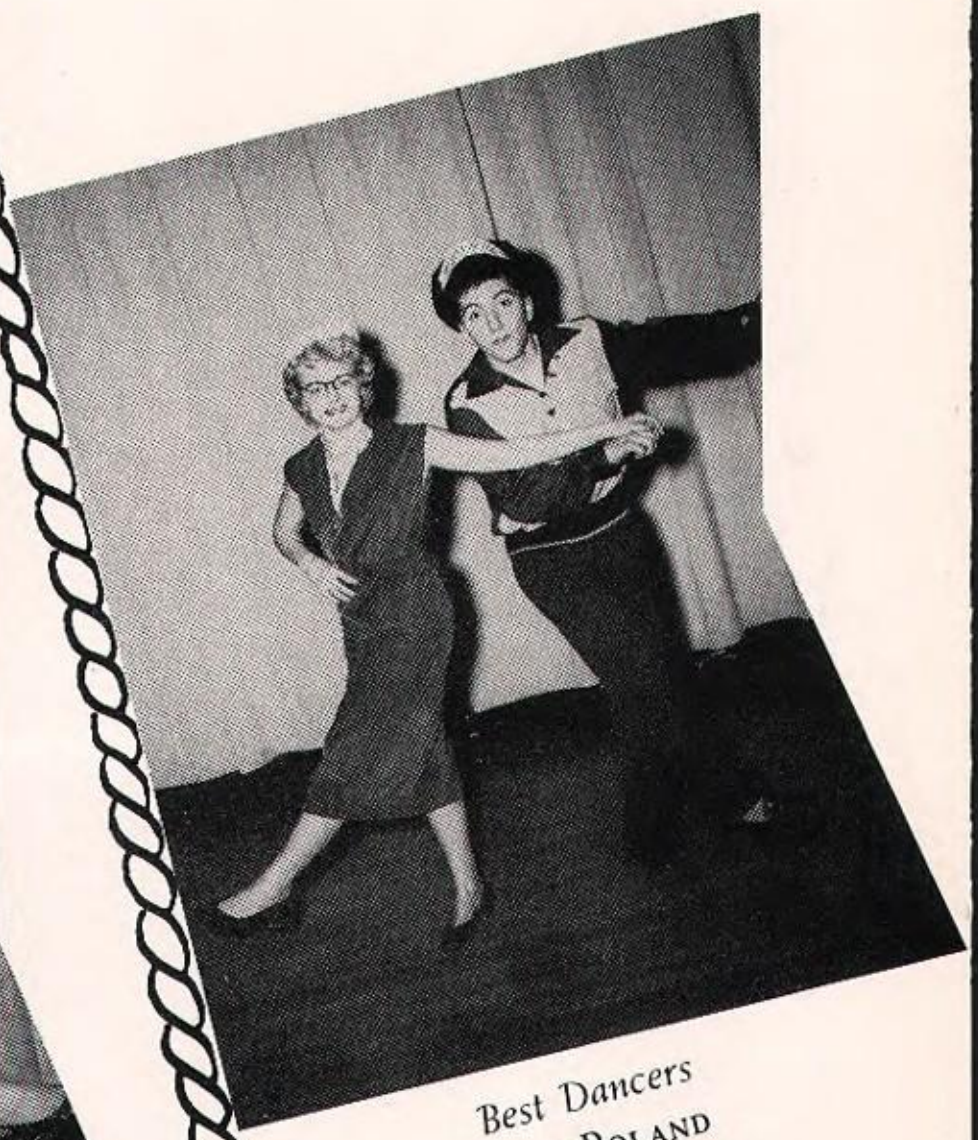
"Virtue is like a rich stone—best plain set."

Ship's Log

Jutson stopped wearing knickers.
We all went to recreation movies on Wednesday nights.
The parties held at Jean Hayden's and Ronnie Cooper's.
We went on strike in Mrs. Reed's English Class.
We drove Mrs. Trullinger out of Room 19 with Blue Waltz Perfume.
Artie came to school with two different socks on.
Joan Roland had a 29 inch waistline.
Our freshman hayride when everyone went stag.
Carol and Gary started going steady.
Swedish Gymnastics in our freshman year.
We ate pickles in Bookkeeping I class.
Lynne and Margie Benedict got stranded in a rowboat on our freshman class trip.
Kenny Gimelli had to make a public apology to Mr. Vitiello for throwing toilet paper around the room.
Artie got his nickname.
Mr. Stoesser called Lena a communist.
Our tap dance was the hit of the gym revue in our junior year.
The Dragnets' initiations at Jean's house.
Mr. Stoesser was presented with a bottle of "Old Forester."
Lynne and Louie started going steady.
Holzy threw the victory party after we lost the game.
We thought Lynne had the measles at Ann's party.
Jutson's hair caught on fire when he was installed in the National Honor Society.
Our junior class trip and the freezing cold water at Point Pleasant.
Sally took her stockings off in English class.
Mr. Stoesser threatened to quit when his room temperature reached 100°.
We painted Height's goalpost blue and white.
Harold promised beer in all the fountains if Steve was elected Vice-President of Student Council.
The strong summer sun in 1953 that caused a lot of new blonds in Wood-Ridge.
The Bushwackers meetings in Room 33.
The cheerleaders made their own uniforms and had to finish them on the way to the Harrison Game.
3:00 a.m. at the Dragnets' Pajama Party at Jean's house.
We buried someone at the Senior Dance.
Carol W. wore her birthday bloomers at the Fort Lee game.
The best dance in five years—our senior dance.
The Dragnets wore their green socks to school.
Sigma Omega got their jackets.
Kay won her Miss Rheingold title.
Mrs. Patterson gave a hosiery demonstration in Shorthand II class.
Louie played Santa in the Christmas show.

Belles and

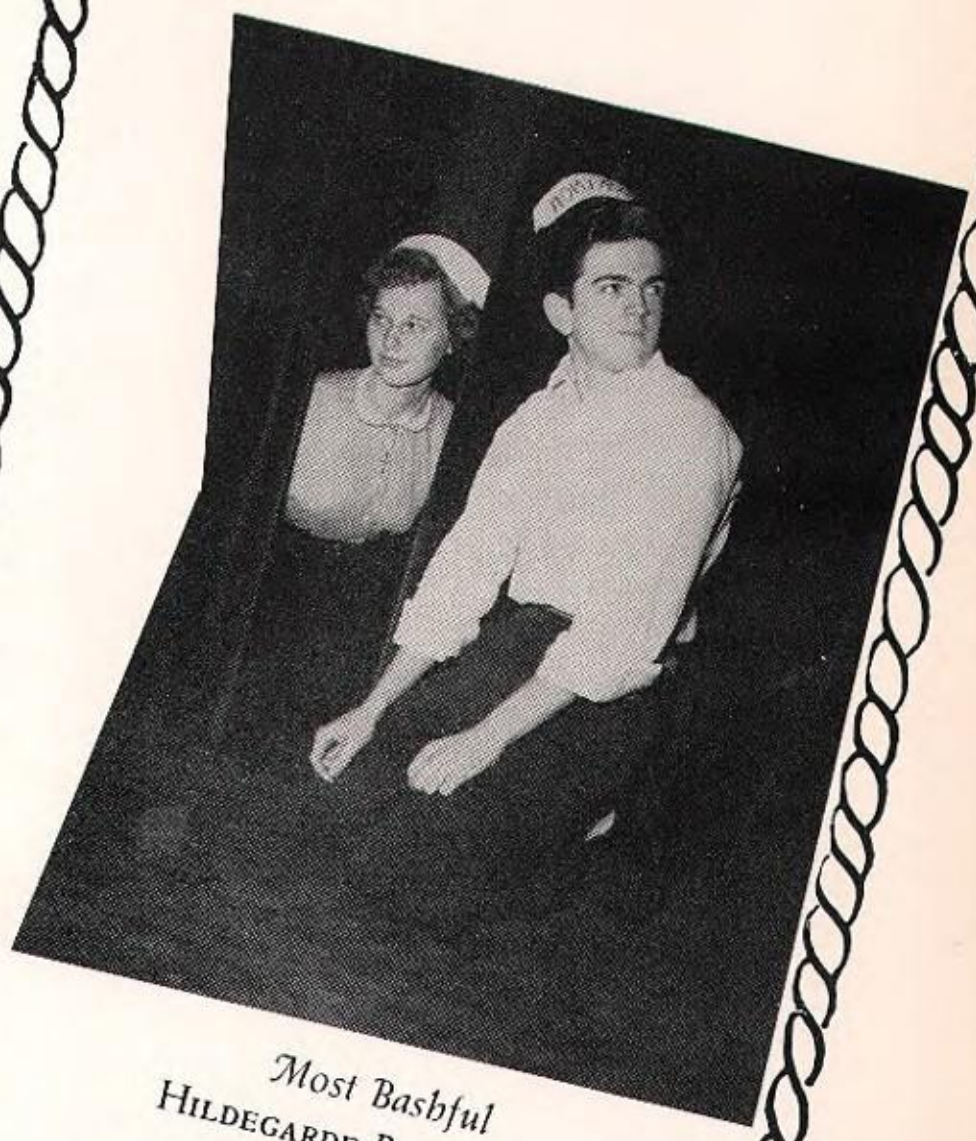
Class Whiz
HILDEGARDE BAUMEISTER
ARTHUR ARCAND



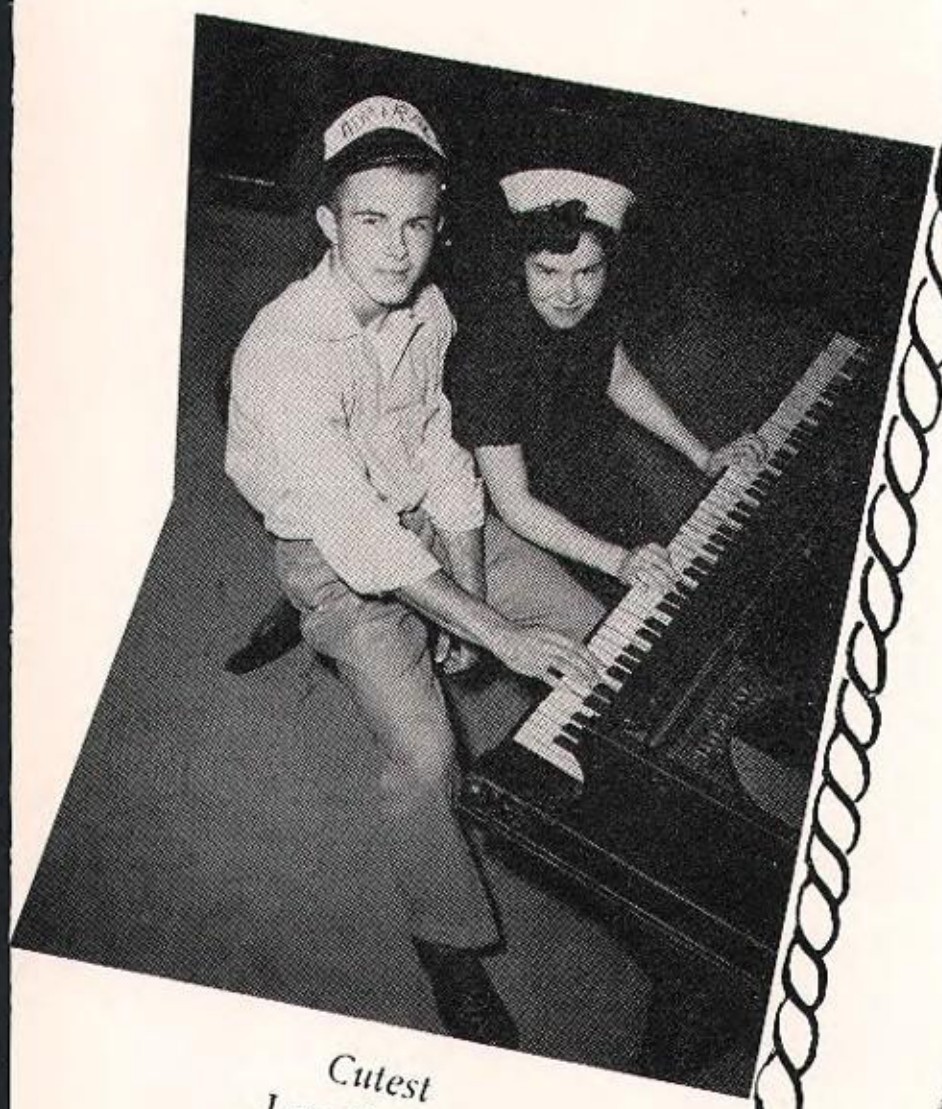
Best Dancers
JOAN ROLAND
RONALD SESSA

Most Popular
CAROL WICKERSTY
GARY RANDALL

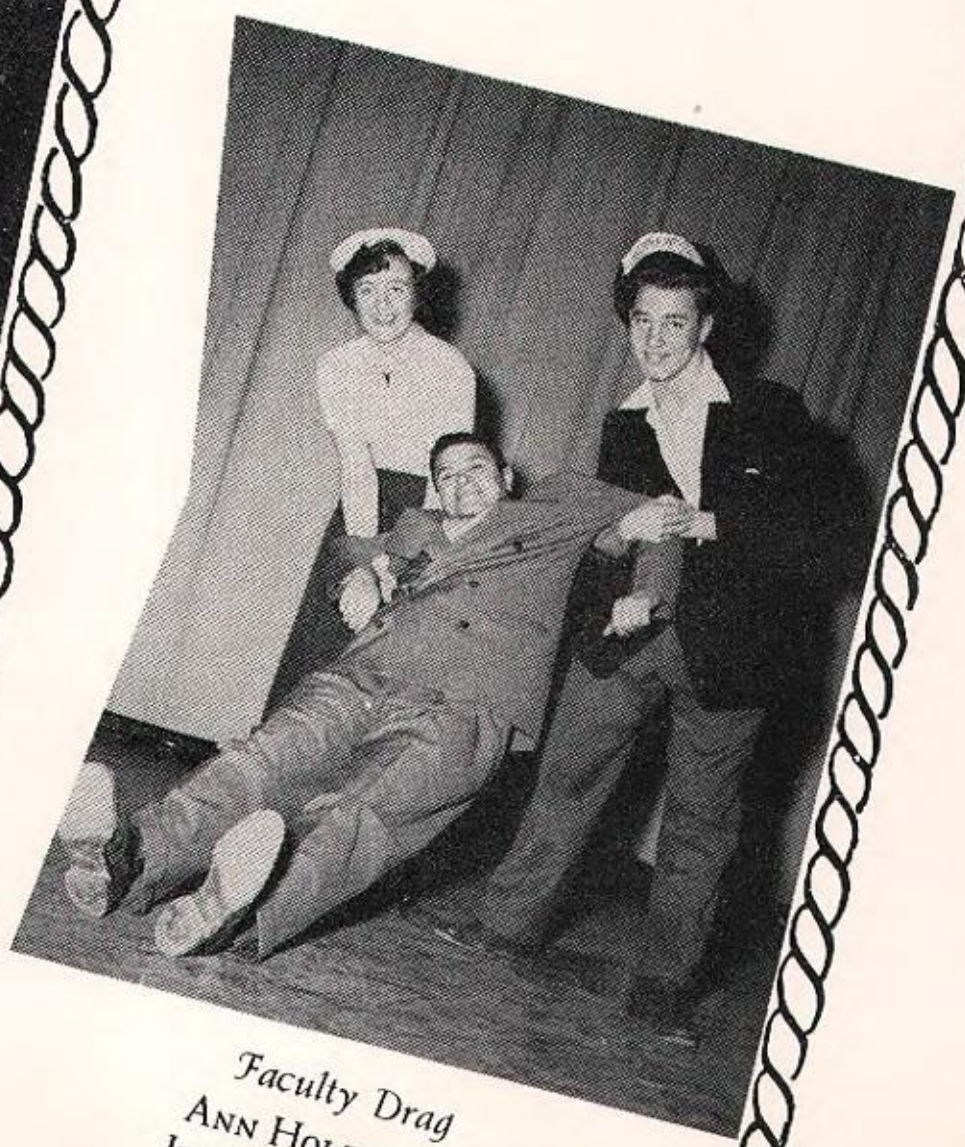
Buoys



Most Bashful
HILDEGARDE BAUMEISTER
FRANK ROTH

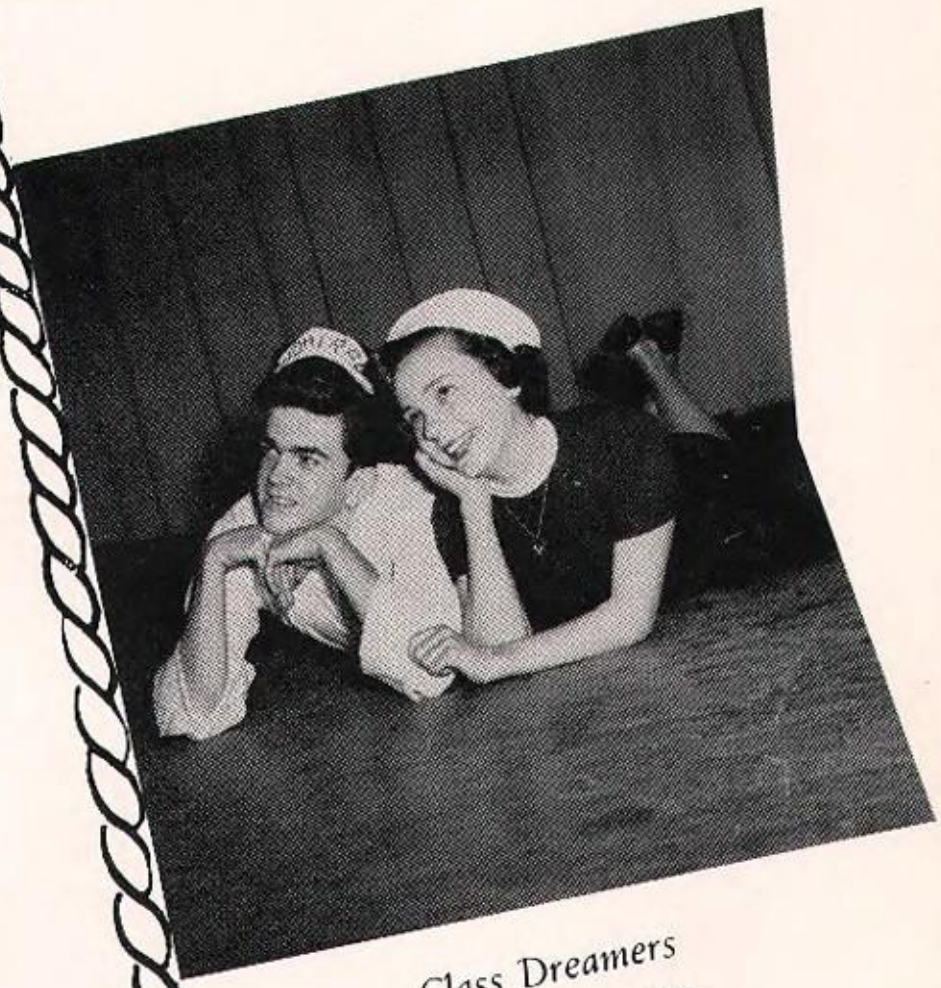


Cutest
LOIS BREEZE
STEVE KALINGER



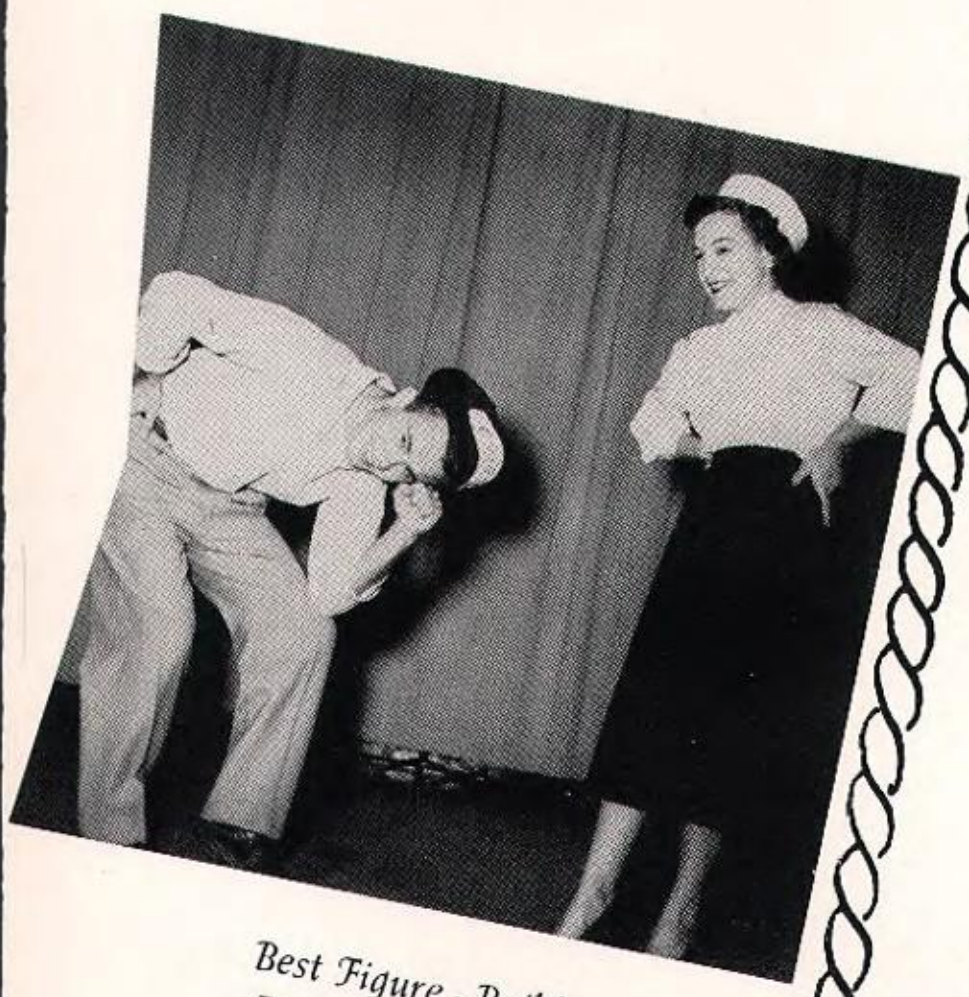
Faculty Drag
ANN HOLZWORTH
JUTSON MEININGER

Class Leaders
Carol Wickersty
Gary Randall



Class Dreamers
Joan Crawford
Frank Roth

Class Flirts
Joan Roland
Ronald Sessa



Best Figure - Build
PATRICIA LORDEN
STEVE KALINGER

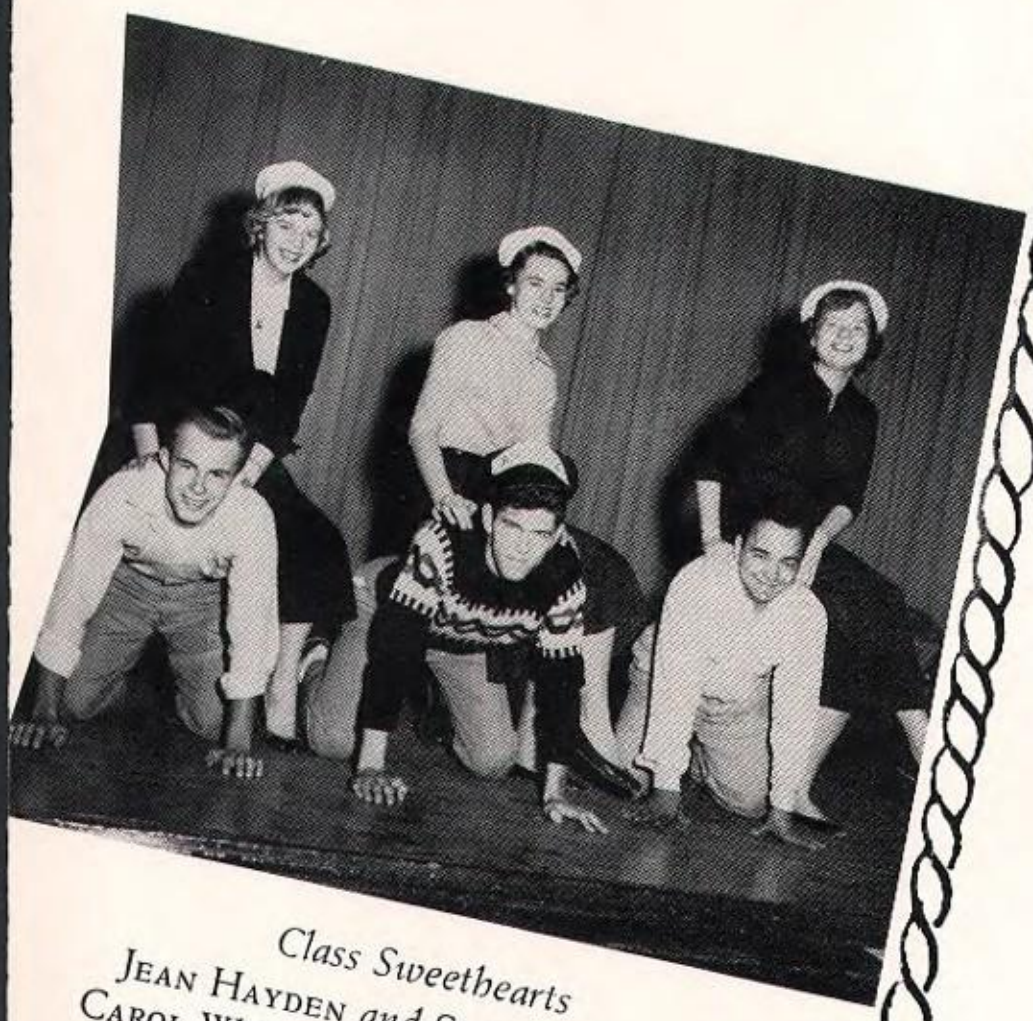
Best All-around
CAROL WICKERSTY
ARTHUR ARCAND

Best Dressed
JEAN HAYDEN
STEVE LADAS

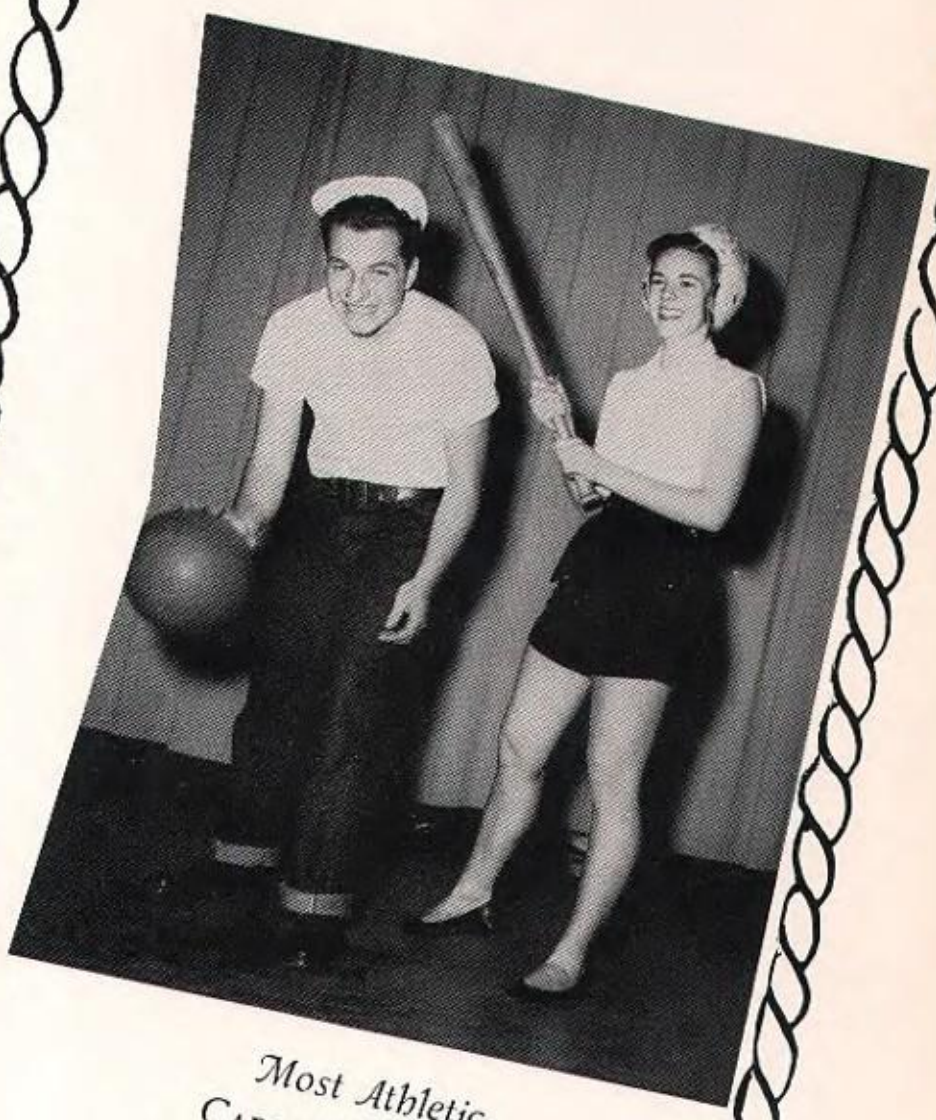
Best Looking
RUTH GEMON
LARRY UHER

Most Likely to Succeed
ANN HOLZWORTH
JUTSON MEININGER

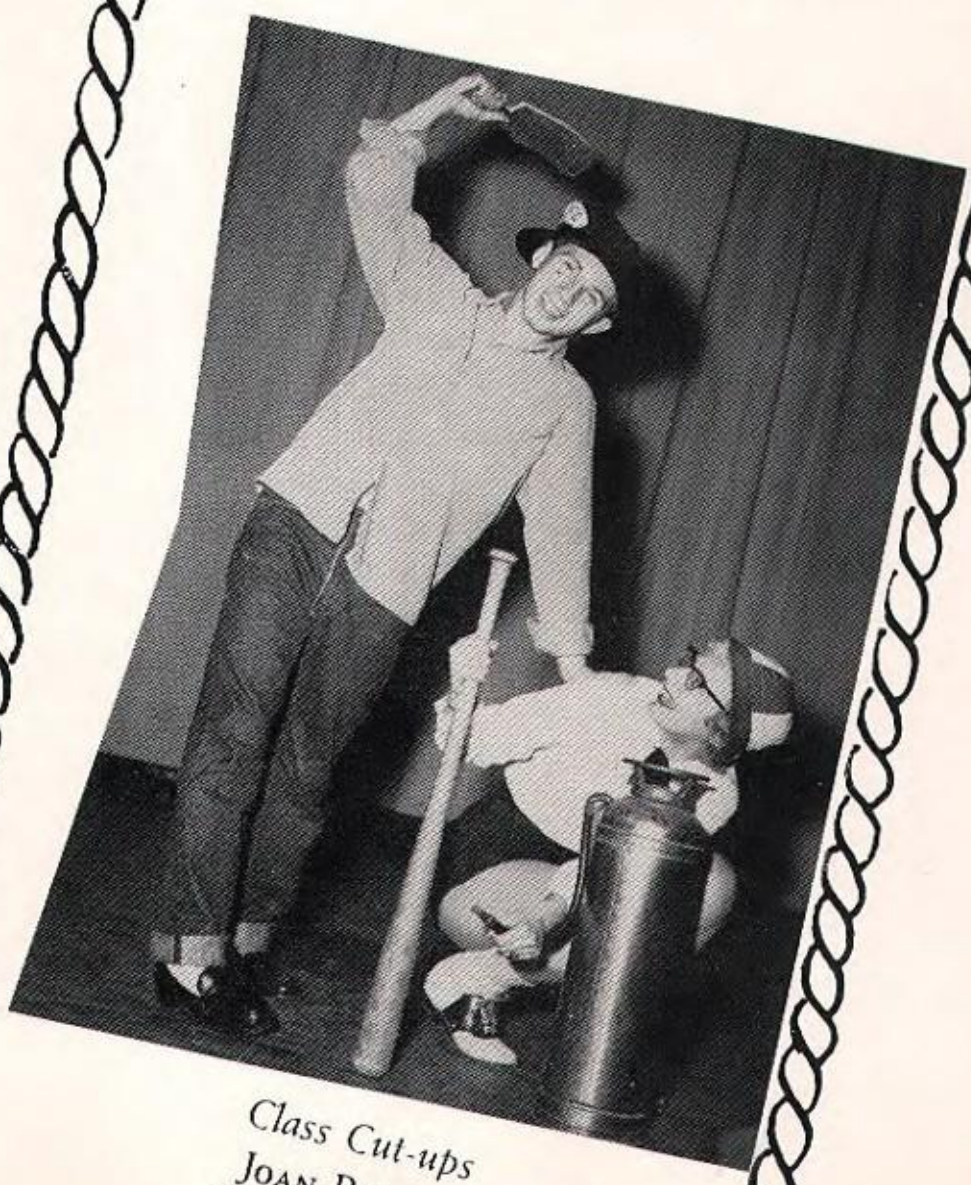
Friendliest
VERONICA ABITANTE
RONNIE SESSA



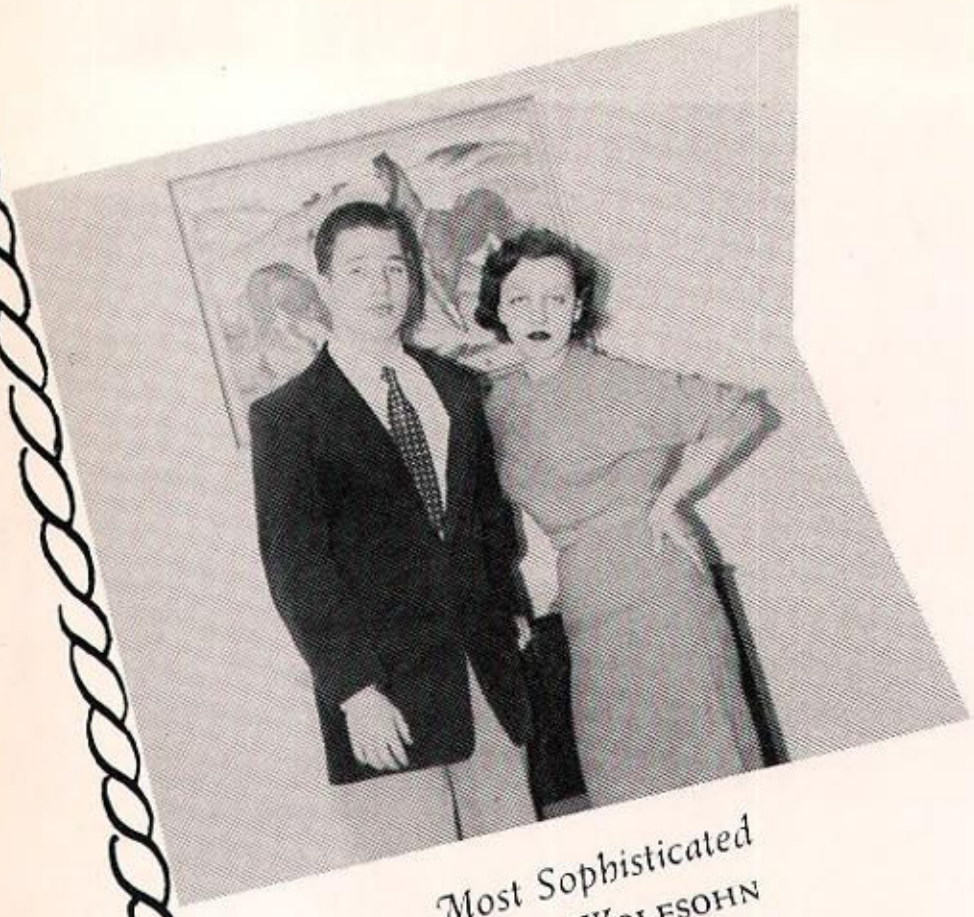
Class Sweethearts
JEAN HAYDEN *and* STEVE KALINGER
CAROL WICKERSTY *and* GARY RANDALL
LYNNE BOSCHEN *and* LOU AMORUSO



Most Athletic
CAROL WICKERSTY
STEVE LADAS



Class Cut-ups
JOAN ROLAND
HAROLD HILLER



Most Sophisticated
ANITA WOLFSOHN
JUTSON MEININGER

Candidates for Advancement

Eyes
PAT BOWMAN — ART ARCAND

Nose
FAY JONES — STEVE KALINGER

Mouth
JANET FENTON — STEVE KALINGER

Teeth
JOAN CRAWFORD — BOB WARDELL

Smile
JANET FENTON — BOB WARDELL

Hair
LUCILLE BARATTA — LARRY UHER

Walk
JOAN CRAWFORD — ART ARCAND

Line
JOAN ROLAND — RONNIE SESSA

Voice
ELLEN RUGGERI — BOB WARDELL

Complexion
LOIS BREEZE — JUTSON MEININGER

Sociability
RONNIE ABITANTE — RONNIE SESSA

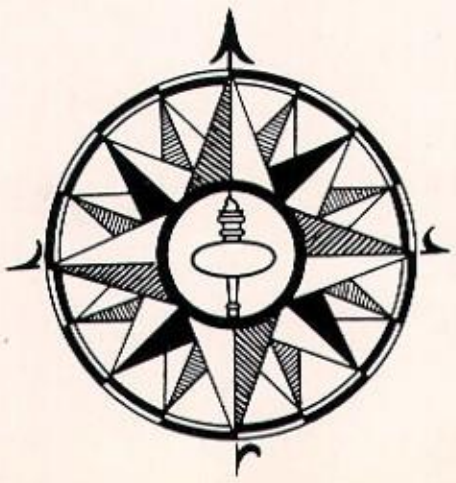
Disposition
RONNIE ABITANTE — RONNIE SESSA

Personality
PAT LORDEN — BOB WARDELL

Wisconsin

Journey's

Ronnie Abitante leaves her cheerful personality to Janet Del Visco.
Louie Amoruso leaves his car to anyone who can start it.
Art Arcand leaves his brains to Maurice Nafash.
Lucille Baratta leaves her hair to Wilma Begerow.
Hilda Baumeister leaves her brains to Lenore Nafash.
Tommy Bartone leaves his old baseball hat to Larry Tubbiolo.
Jack Beck leaves the chip on his shoulder to Richard Francis.
Lynne Boschen leaves her strut to next year's captain.
Pat Bowman leaves her polite manners to Richard Luberto.
Jimmy Bradarvelt leaves Business Law with no regrets.
Lois Breeze leaves everything but Billy.
Mike Briefer leaves his Studebaker to Marvin Goldfarb.
Teddy Bulson leaves his angel wings to Vic Spina.
Nancy Cant leaves her twirling to Frances Nieman.
Joan Crawford leaves her dreaming to Mike D'Errico.
Dave Curtis leaves his crew cut to Robert Romano.
Pascale D'Errico leaves his studious propensities to his brother Mike.
Dolores Faul leaves her quietness to Joan Link.
Janet Fenton leaves her smile to George Bolsch.
Larry Ferrari leaves his glasses to Ken Walthour.
Larry Fromkin leaves his track technique to Eddie Comer.
Ruth Gemon leaves all her boy friends to the other girls.
Richie Gillis leaves his sharp suits to Jerome Bosco.
Kenny Gimelli leaves his blond hair to the jealous girls.
Jean Hayden leaves her neatness to Billy Cubbon.
Ann Holzworth leaves Mr. Mauthe peace and quiet.
Harry Hiller leaves the Bushwacker's Club to Mr. Stoesser.
Jeanette Hurtak leaves the office typewriter to Joan Sarmir.
John Fallon leaves his jump shot to Botsford Manger.
Joanne Incardone leaves her quiet ways to Marie Crovo.



End

Fay Jones leaves her arguing ability to Peter Cummiskey.
Steve Kalinger leaves his build to Robert Trehou.
Steve Ladas leaves his athletic ability to Stuart Ludlam.
Pat Lorden leaves her skating ability to Anita Aloisio.
Alan MacKay leaves his cowboy boots to Richard Bielk.
Lee Marrafioti leaves her chewing gum to Mr. Visocky.
Jut Meininger leaves his piano skill to Frank Mendola.
Gary Randall leaves his height to Dave Spinato.
Dave Robinson leaves his high jumping ability to Peter Incardone.
Joan Roland leaves her swinging hips to Judy Eberhard.
Doris Romano leaves Mrs. Patterson without a lookout in Room 3.
Frank Roth leaves his quietness to Edward DiMiceli.
Elaine Rowe leaves all her Heights boyfriends to the other girls.
Ellen Ruggeri leaves Mr. Nap without a captain for next year's Color Guard.
Carol Schmitt leaves her height to Mary Ginex.
Donald Schmitt leaves Mr. Mauthe minus one shop student.
Ronnie Sessa leaves his D. A. to Bob Genton.
Kay Sylvester leaves her Miss Rheingold title to next year's competitors.
Larry Uher leaves his pitching to Milo Burnham.
Marlene Vogel leaves to teach the kiddies.
Bob Wardell leaves to grab a Southern Belle.
Carol Wickersty leaves Miss Ewan minus an outstanding cheerleading captain.
Janet Williams leaves Mr. Nap without a drum majorette.
Larry Wirth leaves for a stage manager's job.
Marion Wirth leaves her fingernails to Judy Bowman.
Anita Wolfsohn leaves her sophisticated ways to Barbara Ciavaglia.
Bev Yankowski leaves her sewing ability to Cay Ginex.
Margie Zornik leaves her posture to Mildred Koblank.

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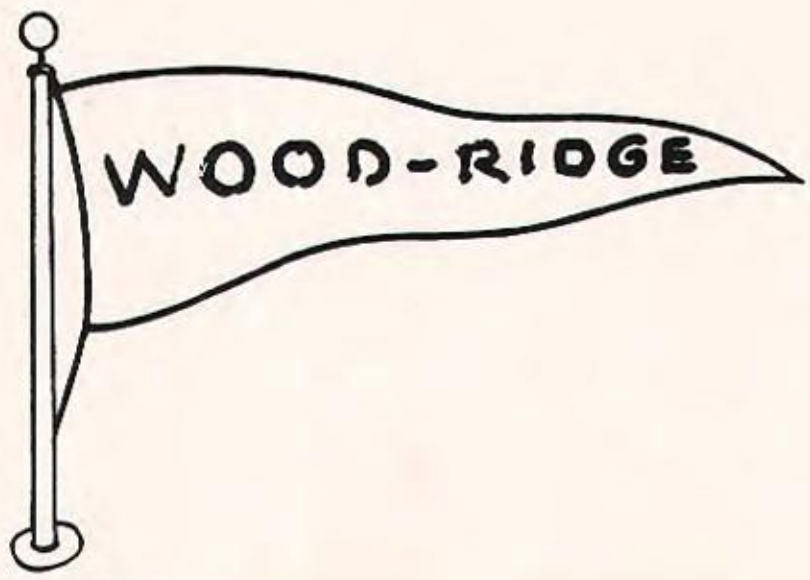

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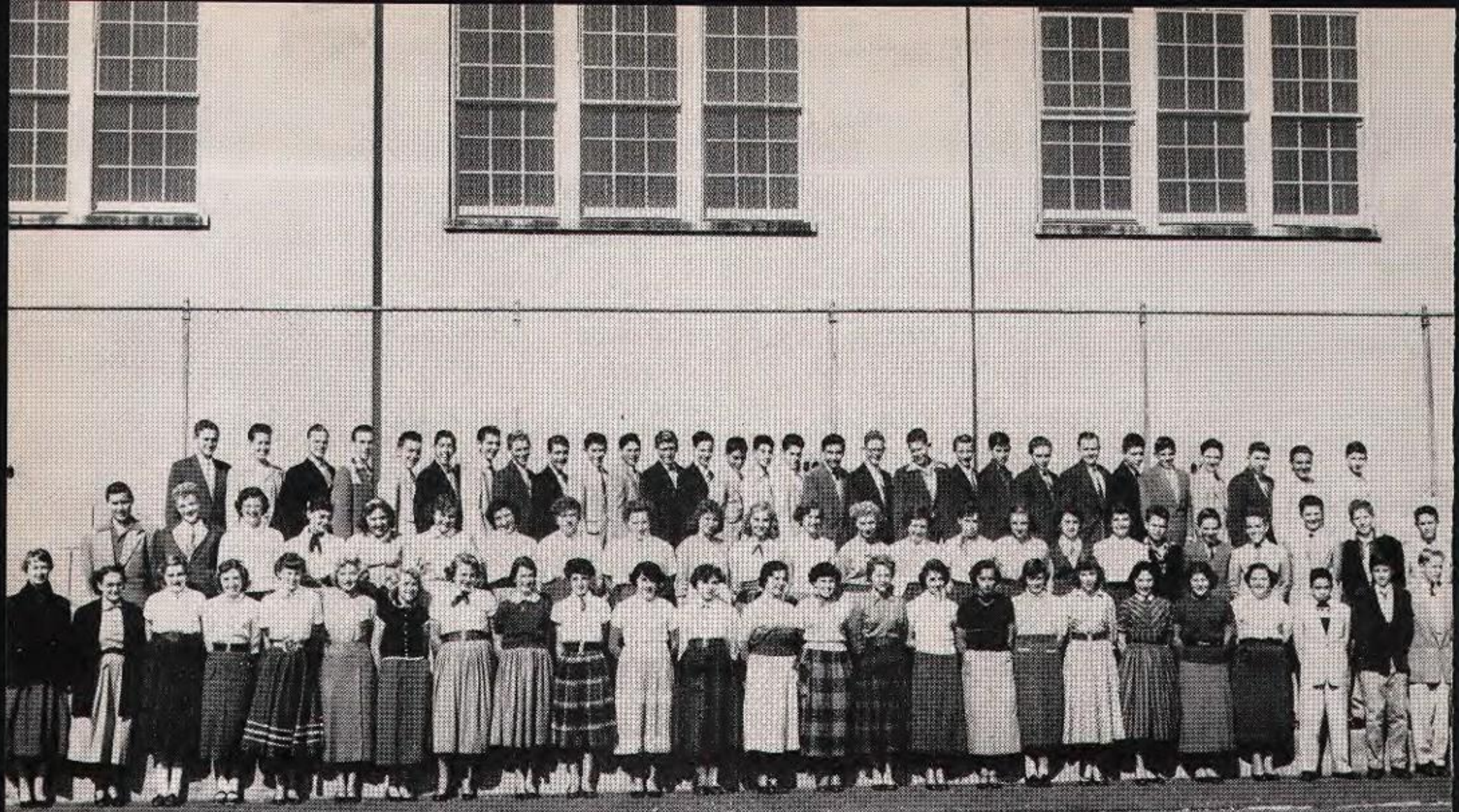

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Dear Joyce,
Lots of luck
to a swell kid
Love
Bette

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Joyce
Lots of Luck in
the future.
Your home N.T.
A friend.
Diane
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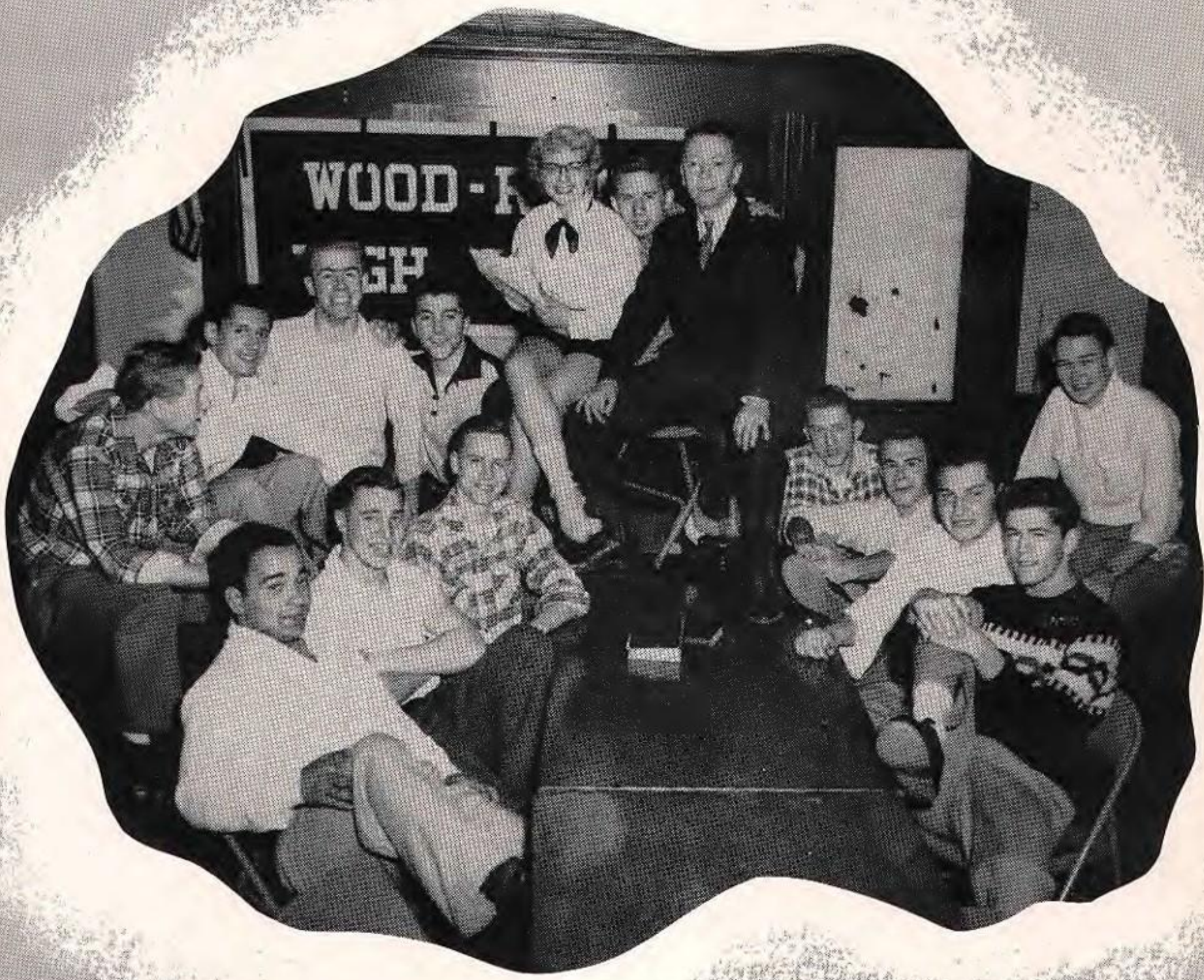

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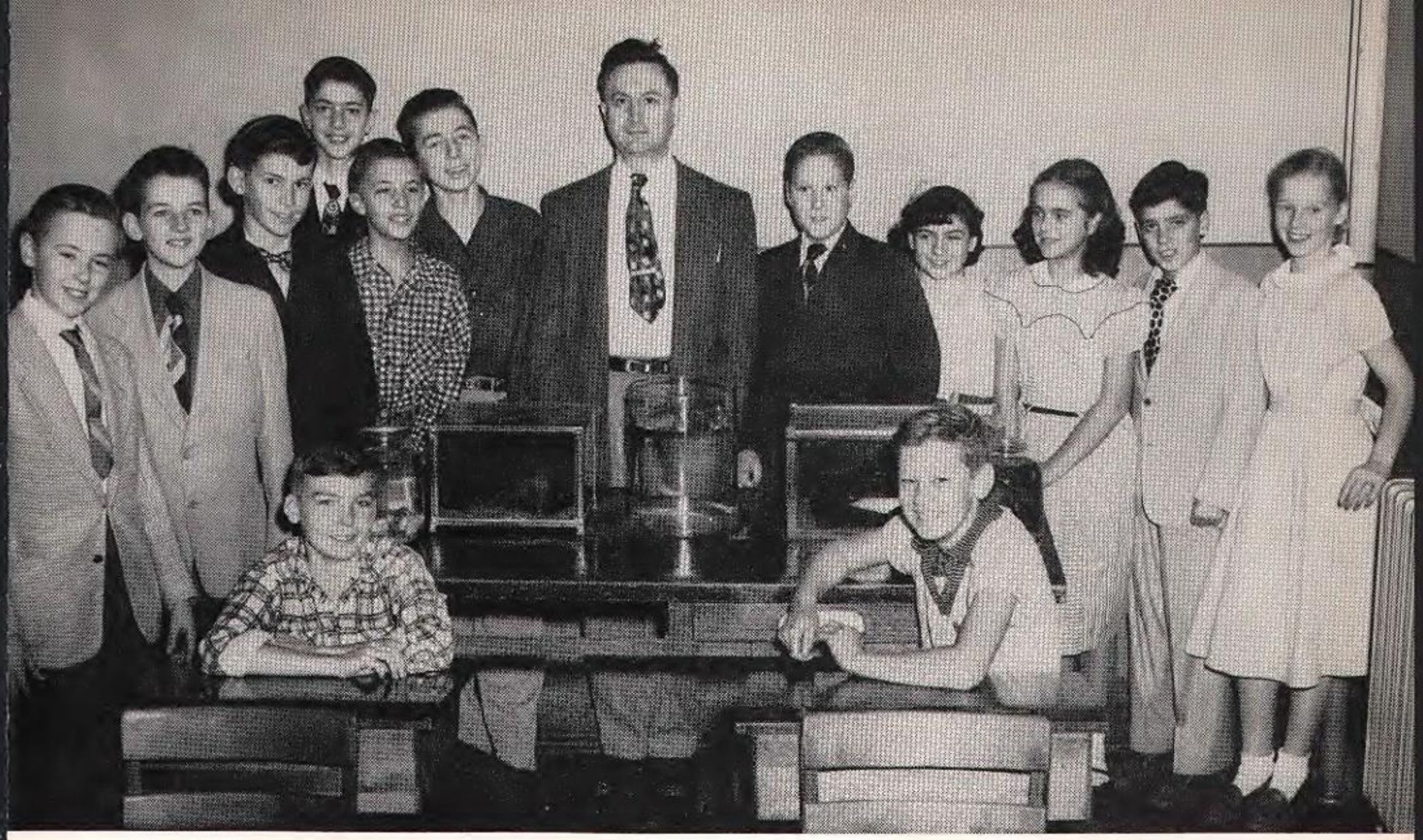

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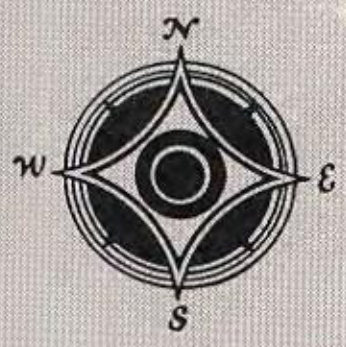

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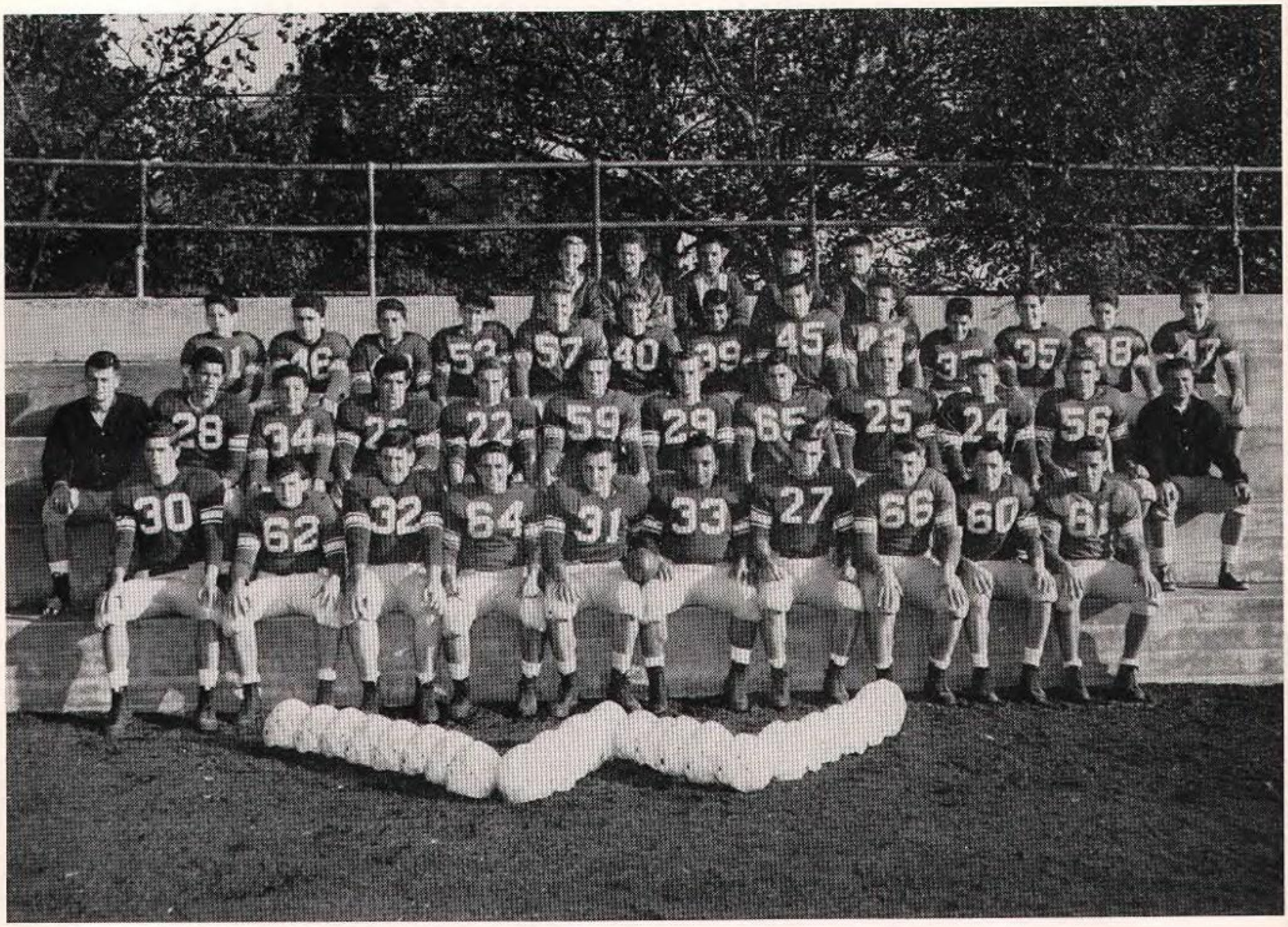

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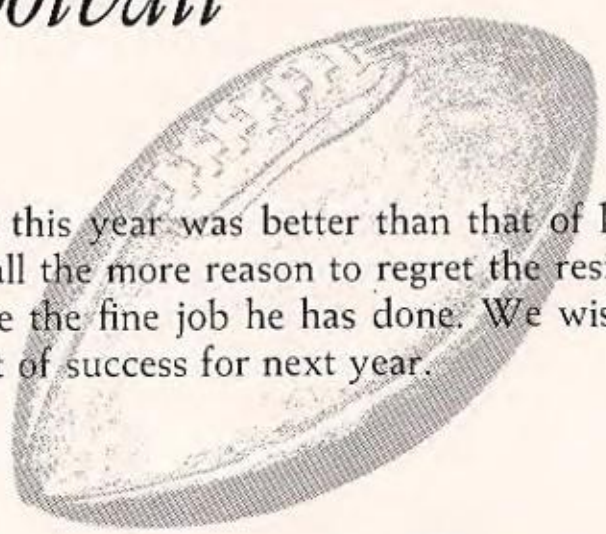
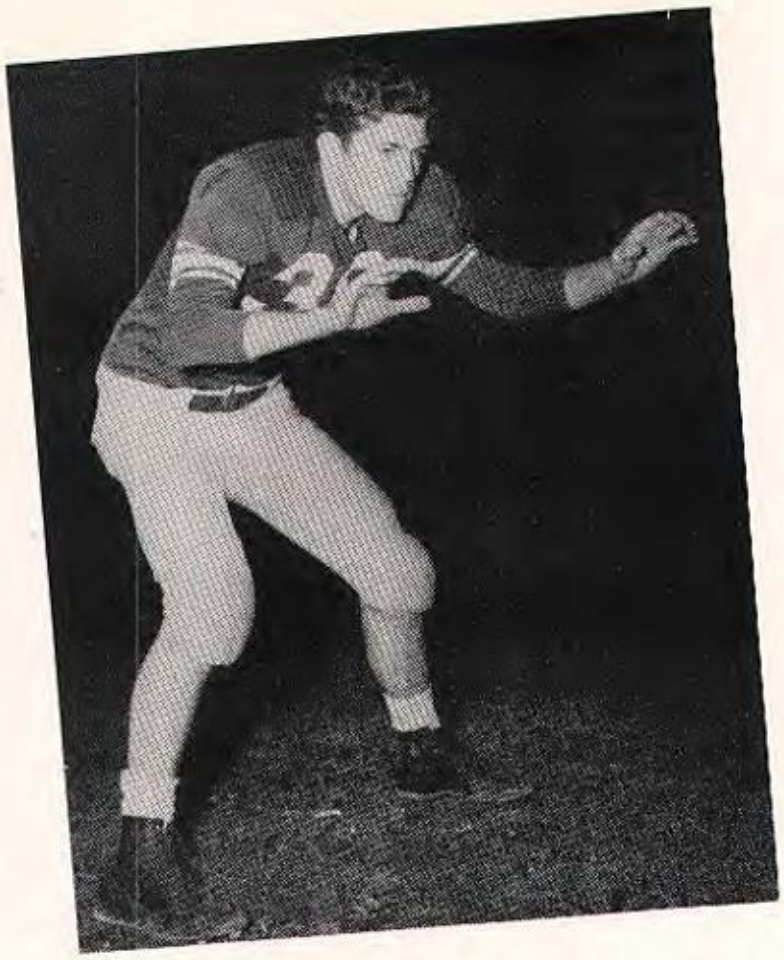
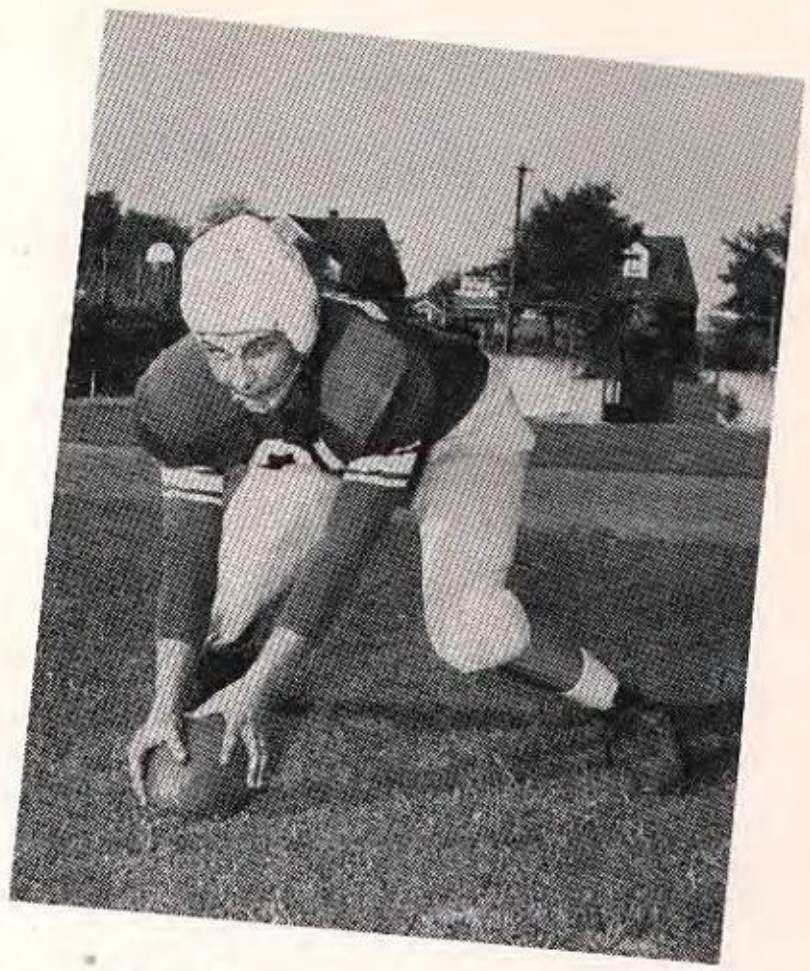
Football

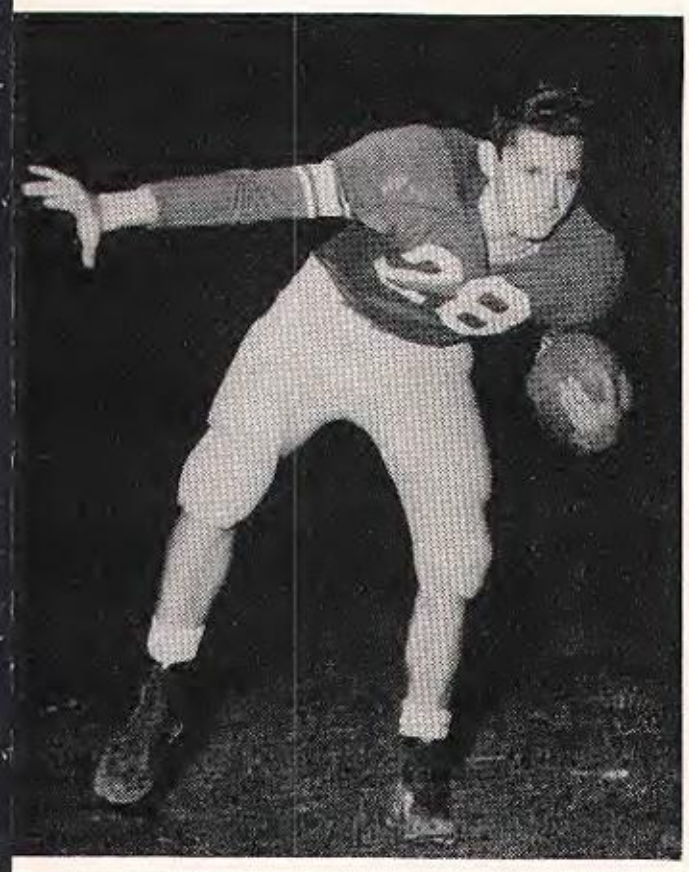


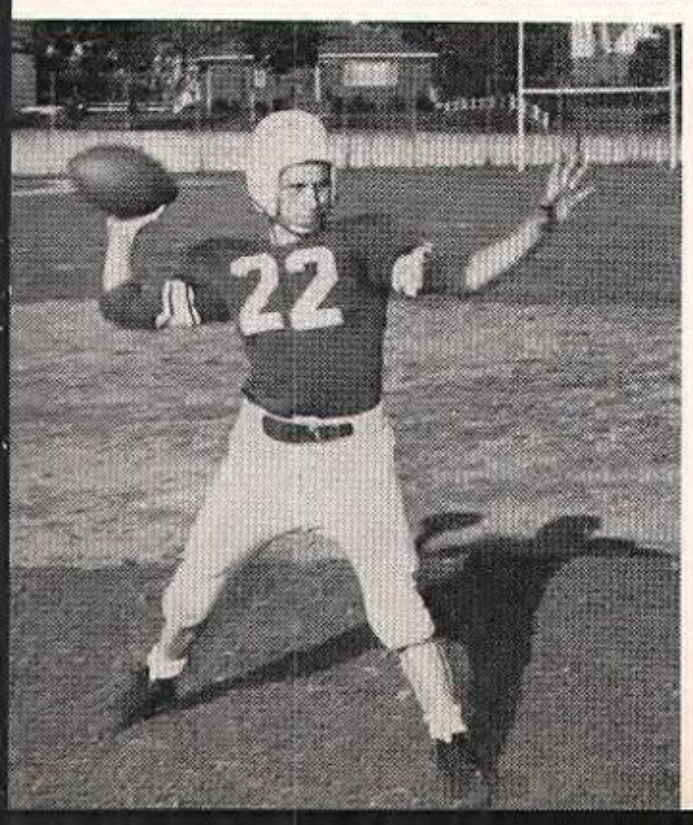
The record of the football team this year was better than that of last year—4 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. This is all the more reason to regret the resignation of Coach Muller. The boys appreciate the fine job he has done. We wish the new coach, whoever he may be, the best of success for next year.

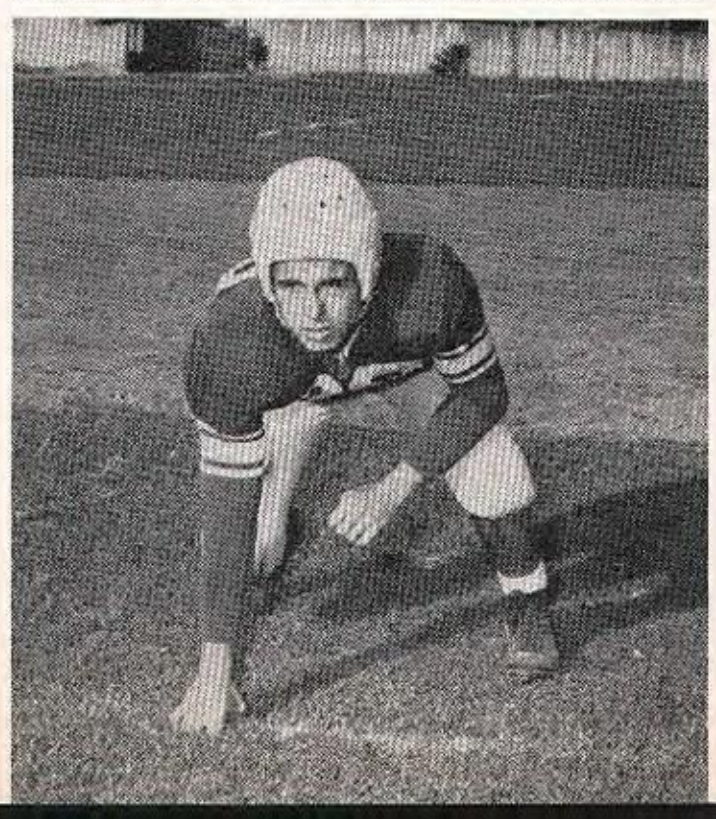


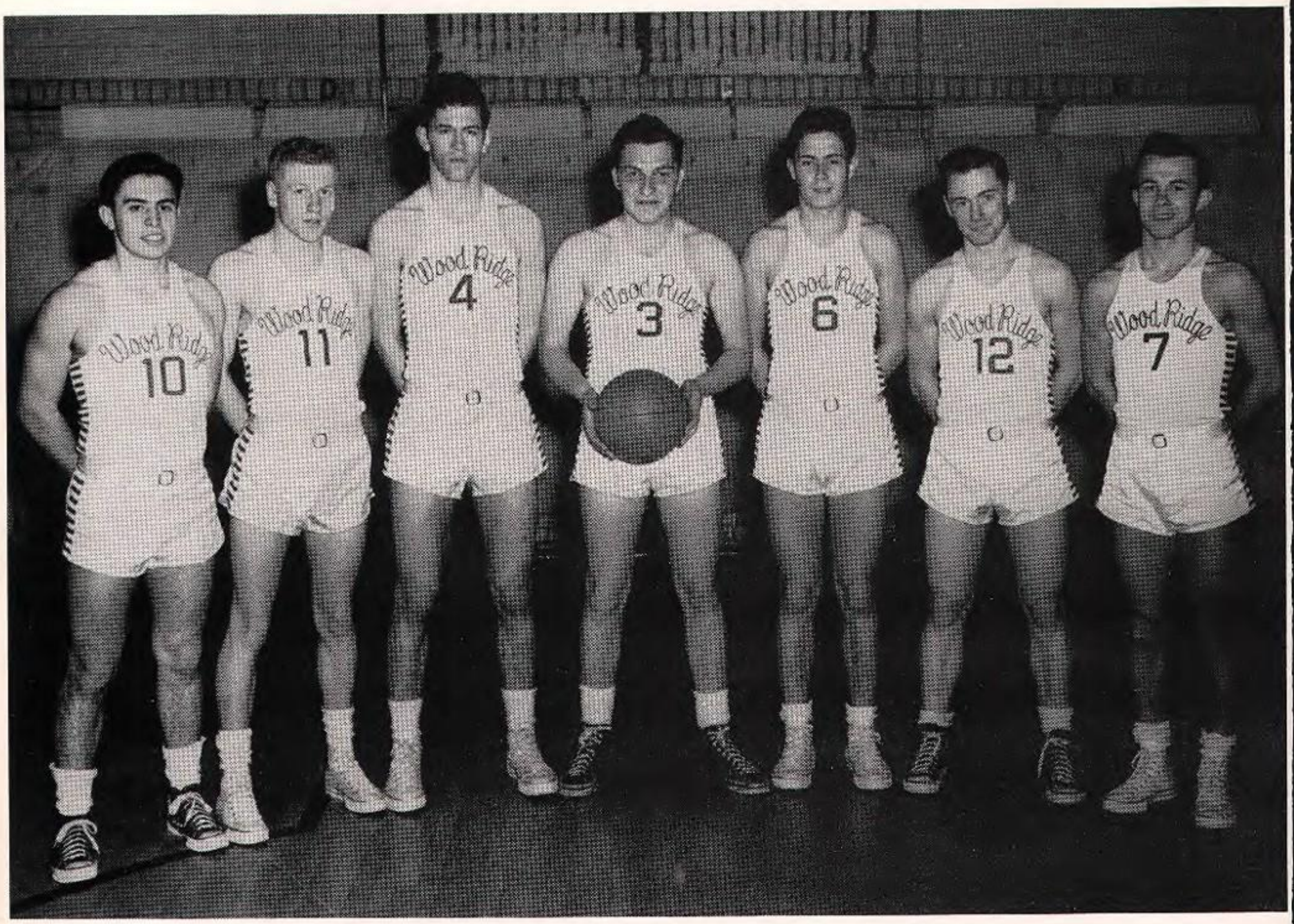


Co-captains—Gary Randall and Steve Ladas





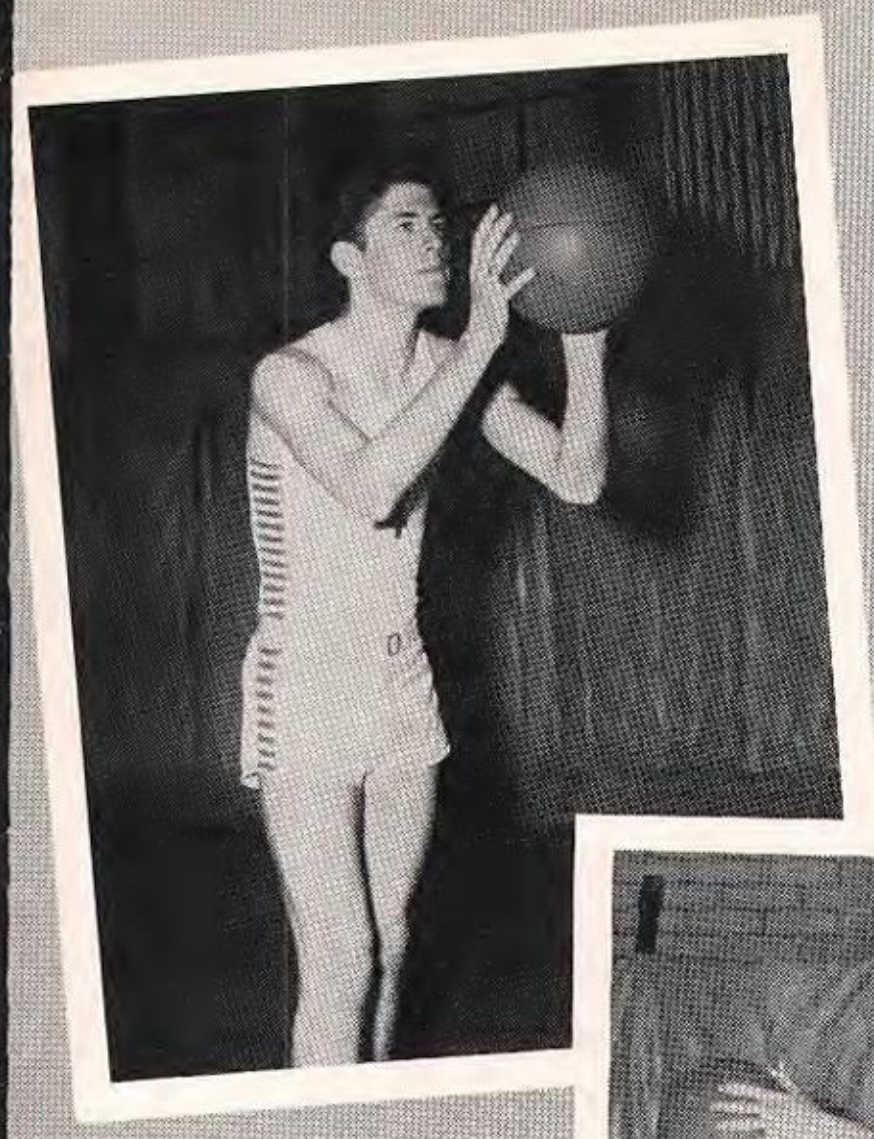


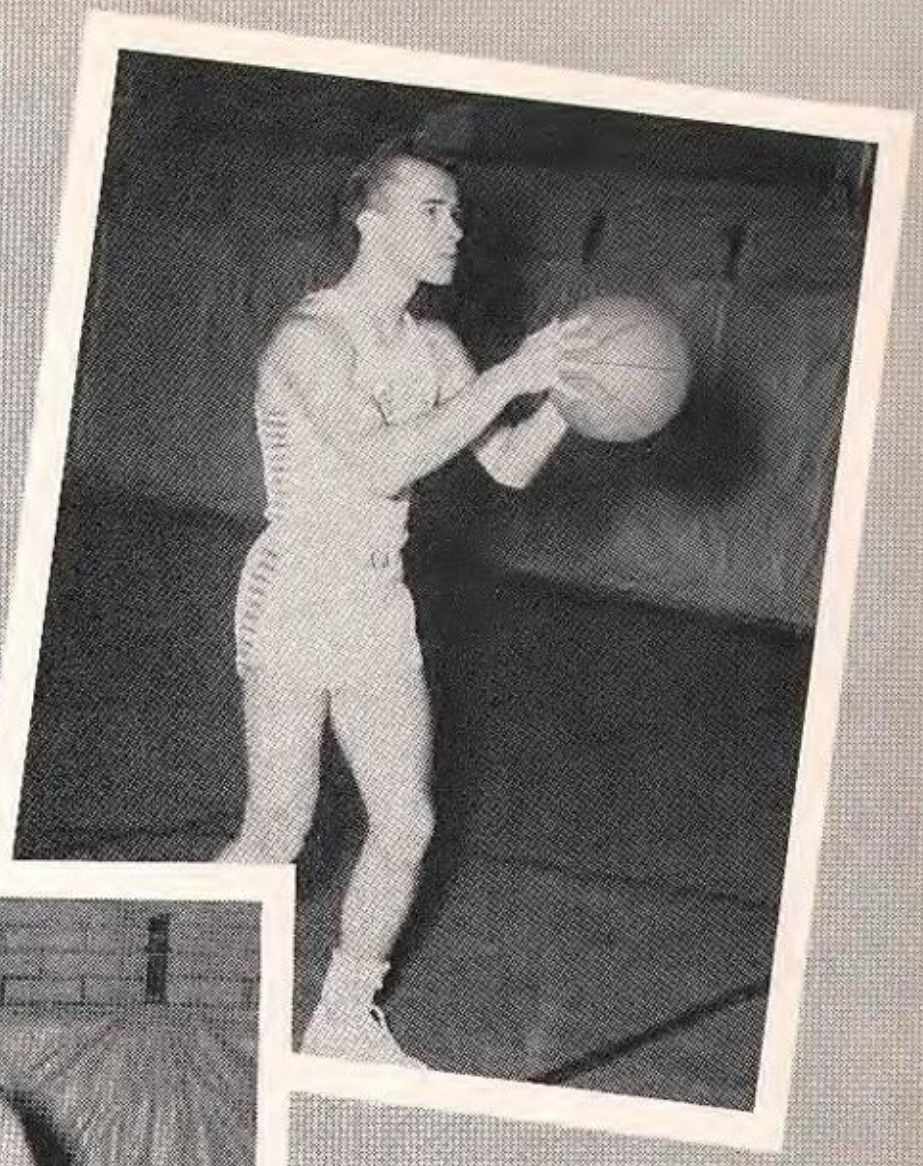


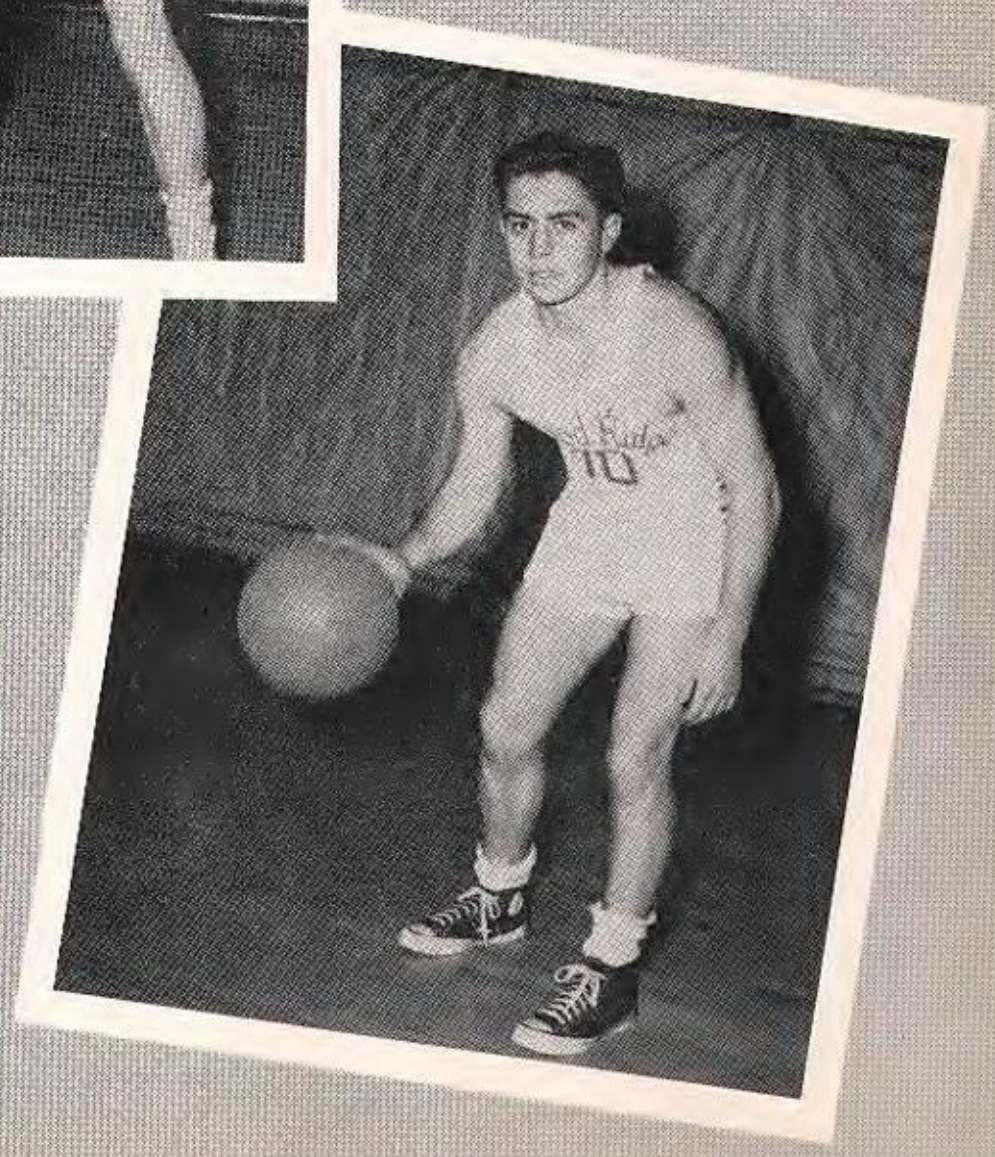
Wardell, MacKay, Randall, Ladas, Seifert, Bischoff, Kalinger.
Coach William Panzarino.

Basketball

Bill Panzarino's aggregation showed a decided improvement over last year. Although they lost more games than they won, the comparative scores were much closer. With the material they have, they ought to do even better next year.



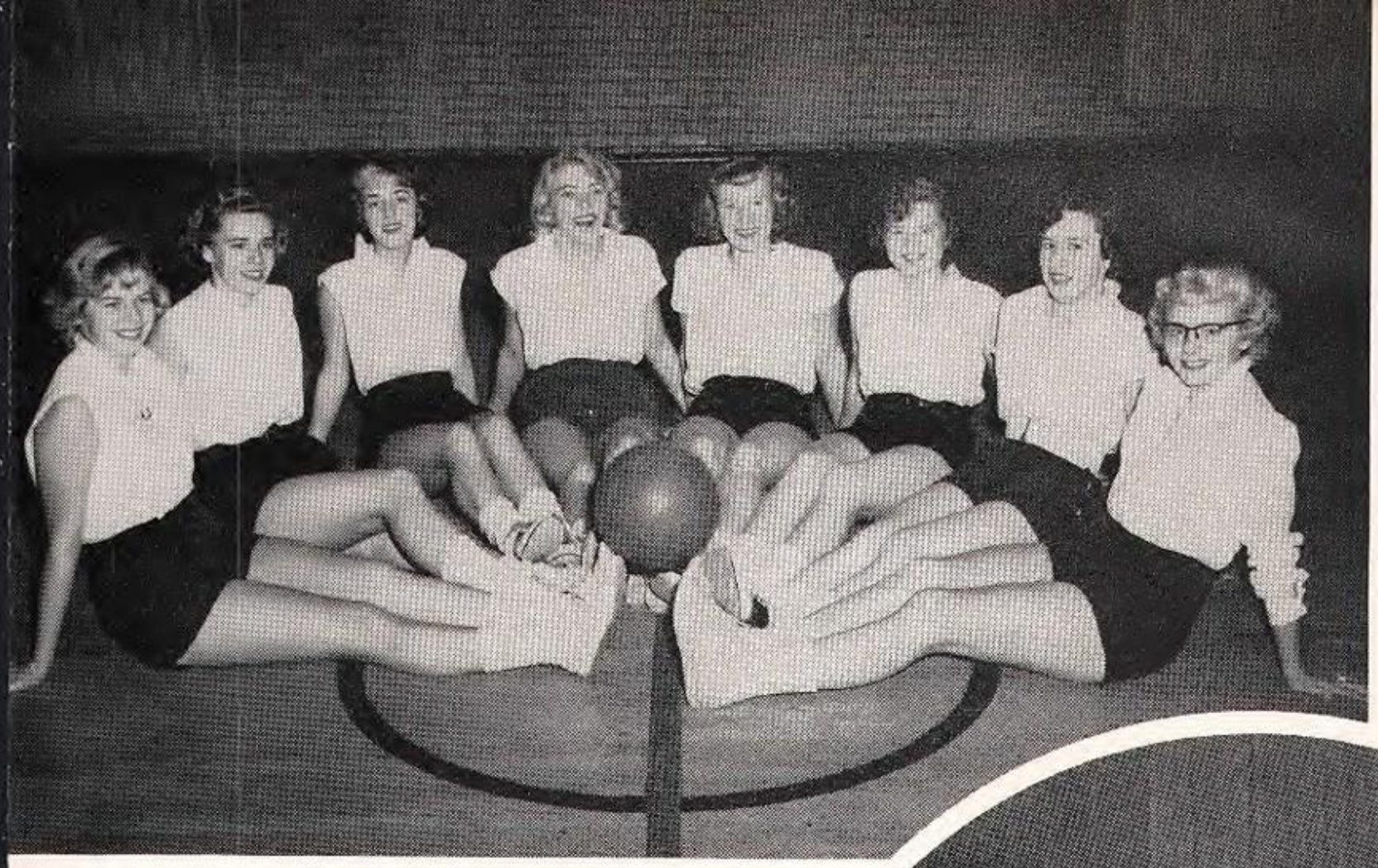




VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

This year Miss Ewan, the girls' athletic director, extended the activities of the Physical Education Department by presenting the popular "Gym Revue" two nights instead of one. More girls participated this year than ever before. We thank Miss Ewan for her enthusiastic guidance.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



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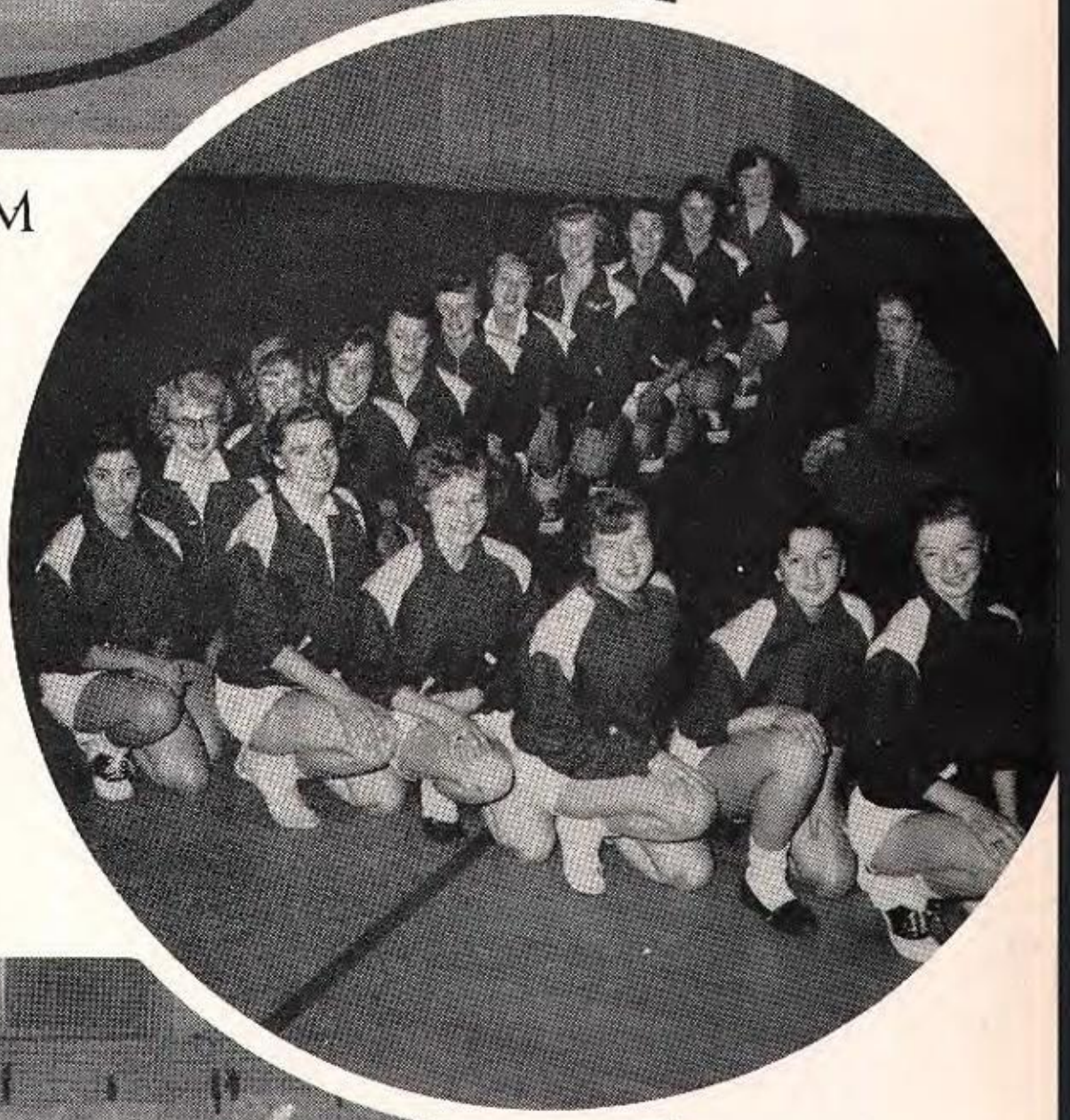

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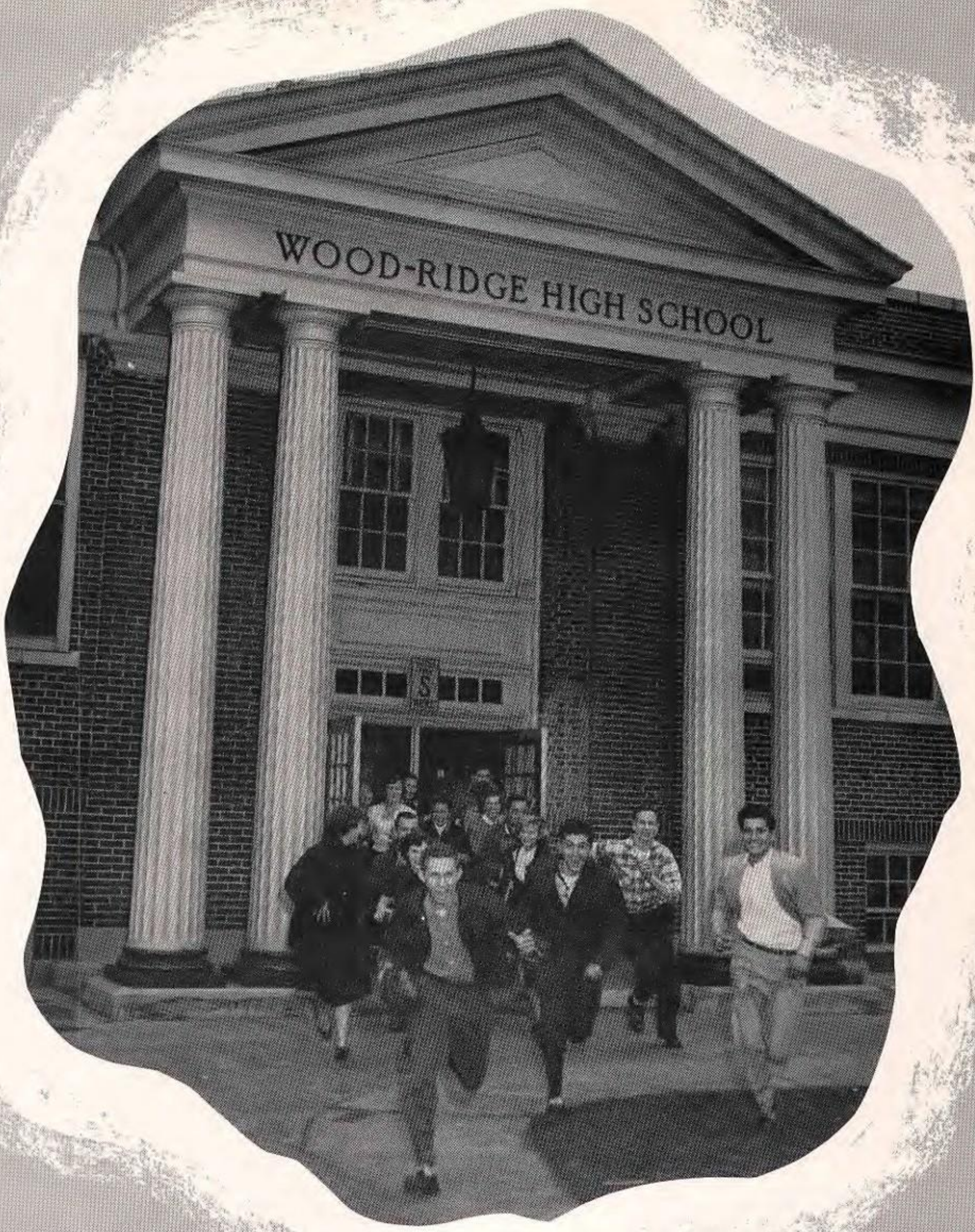
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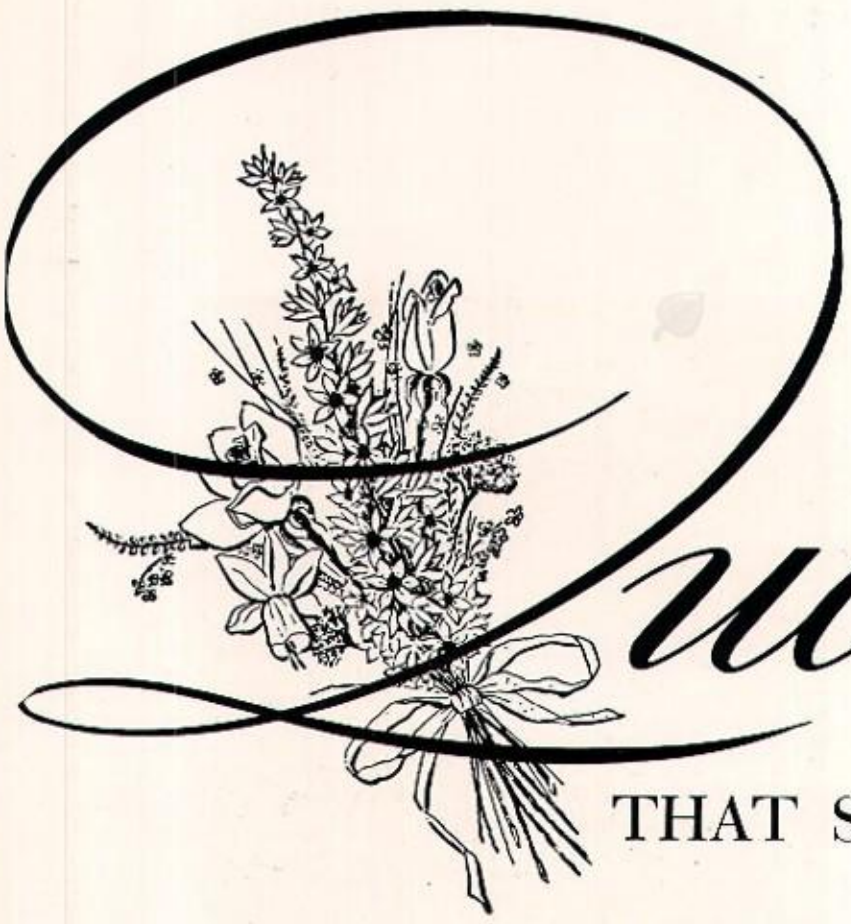

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